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Original Poetry.

SONG.

WRITTEN FOR THE UNITED STATES SATURDAY POST, BY HENRY MORFORD.

A year since I have seen thee,
Another eye we meet;
And a new path of passion
Each treads with flying feet.
We have forgot each other,
We live and think apart.
And I, for one, would never
Recall the olden heart

The rivers yet are flowing
In partial grief alone,
But they have ceased to murmur,
And hushed their plaintive tone.
There is a wail at evening
That sinks before the moon,
That comes with starlight music,
And passes by as soon.

A year has freed my spirit,
And I have learned to think
The sorrows of life are dearest,
And sweetest where we drink
We might have loved and trusted,
But when affection dies
Be silent and forgetting
The bosom where it lies.

Original Tales.

TRANSLATED FOR THE UNITED STATES SATURDAY POST.

THE BASHAW OF BUDA.

Founded on Fact.

CONTINUED.

TRANSLATED FROM THE GERMAN OF HENRY FISCHOKKE.

BY DR. H. SCHOLL.

CHAPTER IX.

No one at La Sarras had the least idea of the affections which had sprung up between Helen and Cugny, still less that in the short space of two weeks an engagement should have been entered into for life. Their conduct when together was the same on the day of departure as when they first met, so entire a command had they over their feelings. Oliver himself had not the slightest suspicion of what was passing, but, on the contrary, as Helen was more tender in her manner towards him after the departure of his friend, he fancied that this change was owing to the opening up of an affection for him. He was not aware that the object in being often in his society soon not only from his friendship to Cugny, but that she could bear him converse about him.

The parents of Helen became restless when they saw the intimacy which had arisen between her and Oliver, and wished him a thousand miles from La Sarras. Their negociations with De Asperlin had gone too far to recall, and they were eager to see her fill the enviable station of the Lady of Bavoia. They made De Asperlin acquainted with their fears, and entreated him to come to La Sarras, he did so, and was welcomed to their house as their future son-in-law.

It was curious to see the first meeting between Oliver and his rival, for they off—and not to have met before. Helen was not only cold in her manner towards him, but treated him with contempt and insult notwithstanding the entreaties and reproaches of her parents. But De Asperlin, selfish in every thing, cared little for the scornful and refractory behaviour of his future bride, he told her parents that when the marriage ceremony had passed, all this would disappear. This being their opinion likewise, they were so obstinate as she was perverse, but nowithstanding her reluctance, her tears, and her vehemence, she was formally betrothed to De Asperlin, and as his bride elect, had to receive, as was the custom, the congratulations of her friends and relatives.

Oliver appeared the greatest sufferer; he swore to sacrifice every thing to save her from so cruel a fate. he even asked her in a fit of despair whether he should assist Julius to bear them from the marriage by force. He told her that he would get De Asperlin out of the way either by stratagem, or by reviving an old quarrel.

She answered him in a manner that surprised him, for she said in a quiet gentle tone, that it was not worth while. Fortune, she observed, has her whims, and in a duel with that man, you might receive the death you intended for him.

He certainly had more reasons than one to be surprised, for since the day of betrothment, a change had taken place, observable by all, and perceived by her parents with pleasure. She was not more tender in her manner than before, but she observed the decencies of her situation, and accepted the most costly presents from the bridegroom. He was only too happy if, in return for the rich pearls and diamonds, he was allowed to kiss the tips of her fingers. She would now listen to the preparations for her wedding without a shudder, and objected to nothing except haste. She postponed the day from time to time, which De Asperlin did not object to, as the alterations in his castle were not quite completed.

Oliver cursed all women kind, for he never dreamed that a girl of Helen's character could change her whole nature in so short a time. La Sarras had no attraction, and he only remained a few days longer to please his parents. His visits to Helen were at an end, for he was no longer received by her parents with pleasure, and although she still showed the same friendliness of manner towards him, yet this gave him more uneasiness than joy.

CHAPTER X.

His surprise, therefore, was very great, when Helen one day drew him aside, and begged him to meet her that evening in the little garden behind the house precisely at nine o'clock.

Whatever might have been his feelings toward her, he did not fail to be on the spot at the appointed hour. Helen soon appeared, and leading him to an arbour, took his hand saying—" Dear Oliver, you have often sworn to sacrifice every thing for my happiness."

" And I shall keep my oath, Helen—try me, at your command I will leap into the very jaws of death!"

" Well, then, Oliver, I have tell you that I never intend to be the wife of De Asperlin."

" Why, then," said Oliver in surprise, " why did you suffer yourself to be betrothed!"

" Let us not speak of that now, but listen. My parents are sacrificing me without pity to a man I hate, and all this on account of wealth which I despise. I have now no parents, and am alone in the world, and must act for myself. The marriage with which I am threatened is, if I remain, unavoidable, so to-morrow I intend to leave La Sarras forever. I have friends in France who will receive me, and some property and jewels which were at my own disposal, were transported to their care more than a week ago—will you accompany me there!"

Astonished as Oliver was, he gave his willing assent, and she shed tears of joy at his readiness to be of some service to her. She begged him to send one of his servants in advance with a led horse for her. He followed her directions in all things, took leave of his parents by letter, under pretence of wishing to spare himself and them the pain of saying farewell, and that, having sent on his baggage by the groom, he rode forward to the place appointed. Here he found his servant with the horse for Helen, and exactly at ten o'clock he was at the gate of La Sarras where he was joined by Helen. She was dressed as a groom, and then assisting her on the horse they went off at a rapid pace.

At the break of day they found the men in attendance as he had directed, with fresh horses, they mounted in haste and proceeded as rapidly as before. Towards evening they reached a narrow alley, Oliver would have preferred going on still further, but Helen found herself so fatigued, that it was impossible to proceed. They were obliged to carry her into the house, and as soon as she had partaken of supper retired to her chamber which was on the ground floor.

As to Oliver he also was very much fatigued, for he had passed two sleepless nights, so after giving strict orders to be in readiness to depart at day break, he threw himself on the bed without taking off his clothes, and placing his pistols and sword near him, he was soon in a sound sleep.

At the first dawn of day he was called up by his servant, and finding that the horses had been fed and were ready to start, he went himself to Helen's chamber and knocked at the door. As there was no answer he knocked again and again, calling on her, but to his surprise and alarm he heard no sound. The people of the house feared that the young gentleman, as they called Helen, was too ill to speak, and Oliver himself began to have the same fears. He therefore burst open the door, and to his dismay found the room empty. The bed had the appearance of some one's having lain down on the coverlid, but there was no trace of dress or any thing belonging to Helen. He was half distracted, but it was impossible to conjecture what had become of her, a window was half open, through which she must undoubtedly have passed, but with whom had she gone. Could it be possible that De Asperlin had followed closely, and had carried her off by force?

The landlord and his family asserted that they had neither seen nor heard any one, nor had a horse or wagon passed their door. Every place was searched for the fugitive but in vain, and Oliver was nearly deprived of reason when he considered how much in need of his assistance she might now be. His suspicions rested upon De Asperlin, who had, he presumed, after preventing her cries from being heard, dragged her through the window, where a horse must have been in waiting.

This being the most reasonable supposition, he returned to La Sarras, inquiring of every one whether such persons as he described had been seen, but there was no trace of them. The second day, when near La Sarras, he saw several persons on horseback galloping towards him. The foremost one rode up closely, and waved in hand, cried out, " Villain, robber as you are, I demand satisfaction, for, curse Bashaw, for you have stolen my bride!"

It was De Asperlin, who jumped from his horse and his servants being all armed surrounded Oliver and his two men. Oliver without further parley also alighted, and drawing his sword, De Asperlin attacked him. The fight was not of long continuance, for De Asperlin fell mortally wounded, and his cowardly, affrighted servants fled.

Oliver knelt down by the dying man and said, " wretched creature, the ' Bashaw' has punished you for the many wrongs and injuries you have inflicted on him. Why have you thus persecuted an innocent man? And above all, what have you done with Helen!"

" My blood be upon your head," cried De Asperlin, " it is you who know where she new is, return her to her parents, or you shall die under the hands of the executioner."

" Do not depart this life," said Oliver, " with a falsehood on your lips, tell me where she is to be found and I will forgive you."

" I tell you that I know nothing of her—call my servants to aid me for I am dying."

The man, who had no ventured back again, were closely questioned by Oliver, but he soon found that it was true as De Asperlin stated, that they were really in pursuit of her. Leaving De Asperlin to their care, Oliver again mounted his horse, and returned to the valley wherein Helen had so strangely disappeared. He late conquered the assistance of Julius, and with no better success than before; and he therefore was compelled to consult his own safety by leaving Switzerland. He would be known as the one who had slain De Asperlin, and who had carried off a lady, so that to avoid falling into the hands of justice he left the country, hastening as quickly as possible over the Rhine and rejoining his regiment.

CHAPTER XI.

All that happened to him during his absence from duty appeared like a dream; and when several years had passed and he heard nothing of Helen's marvellous fate, this dream also faded away. He had often written to his friends, but they were as ignorant about her as himself; but as it perceived, he really loved Helen passionately, it was a long time before her image could be erased. It had this effect, however, he never loved again,—for no woman, in his opinion, could ever compare with Helen of La Sarras.

After his parents died, he never turned his thoughts to La Sarras,—there was nothing there to interest him, but much to dread, for the families of Helen and De Asperlin still thirsted for revenge. He was content, therefore, to remain in the army, and of course, to continue a bachelor; while his sole aspirations were for some new campaign.

The continued disturbances in Transylvania and Hungary, as well as the love of conquest in the Turks, soon gave him the long desired opportunity of battle. In the year 1663, the Turkish grand Vizier, the brave and prudent Achmet Kiuperli, entered Hungary at the head of 140,000 men. The Hungarians, discontented with the Austrian government, made but a faint show of resistance. They only granted to the Emperor a supply of 20,000 men, but as the Imperial army itself amounted to no more than the same number, it was no wonder that the Turks kept advancing from Presburgh to Moravia. In their victorious career, they took captive forty thousand Christians, who were thus condemned to slavery. The Emperor Leopold, in this distress, made a strong appeal to the Germans, to the Pope, to France, but it resulted into nothing effective, for Germany only supplied about fifty thousand and France not more than six thousand men.

Oliver was very near being taken prisoner in one of these disastrous battles—and he owed his freedom to his brave man, who rushed among the enemy and brought him off. He was, however, severely wounded, and was sent to Vienna to receive better assistance than could be procured for him at a camp.

CHAPTER XII.

Several months had elapsed before his health was sufficiently restored as to think of returning to the army. He was standing at the window one day listening to the sound of trumpets, and looking at a French regiment that was passing through the streets. But what was his surprise when at the side of the French general he recognized Cugny. He threw open the window and stretching out his arm, cried out Cugny—Cugny. The officer, for it was in reality Cugny, was so much excited on his friend; etiquette, however, prevented him from further notice than a slight salutation; he looked at Oliver too fierce until he could no longer be seen.

Oliver followed the regiment as soon as it was dismissed to quarters,—and then over the joy of the two friends there was no control. Cugny, however, had still some business to attend to, and therefore could only remain a few minutes with Oliver,—but he promised to be with him again in the evening.

At twilight, a knock was at his door, and to his great amazement, the long lost Helen entered with Cugny. Oliver was speechless. Helen and Cugny embraced him over and over again; and at last Oliver exclaimed, " How is this—how came you here, Helen!"

" How came I here,—why with Cugny; with my husband, could I leave him!"

" You are the wife of Cugny!" said Oliver, quite bewildered.

" Yes, we have been married these ten years; but you surely knew this,—you must have received our letters!"

" Not one—but you are married to Cugny! how can that be possible, I must be dreaming."

" It is all reality, Oliver, we wrote and wrote, but receiving no answer concluded that you were indignant at the deception which had been practised. But chiefly, I feared that your anger was stronger against me, for I seem the most culpable. And you really know nothing that occurred, dear Oliver, then let me now beg pardon, which I did so frequently by letter—will you forgive me dear Oliver, dearest friend!"

Who could not like Oliver, when Helen tenderly embraced him, have forgiven a more heavy sin! After the first emotions had in part subsided, they were seated and Helen took up her little narrative from the beginning.

" You will recollect, Oliver, how painfully I was situated at home, you come, and though I then, as I do now, had the sincerest affection for you, yet as I did not believe in the passion of love, I never felt it. But I soon learned that love was a reality, and that I was to feel its full power, I cannot tell why it should be so, but I became more intimate with Cugny in one short hour than I ever was with others, even with those of my own sex, after years of acquaintance. We became as one soul and we vowed eternal constancy, he knew of my difficulties with De Asperlin and proposed flight. Knowing that life would be hateful if not impossible, without him, I consented to every thing he proposed. He went, as you know, to Milan, and we constantly, though secretly, corresponded. I lulled the suspicions of my parents and De Asperlin by the change of conduct which surprised you so much, and which, alas, gave you hopes that I was becoming more tenderly attached to you. All that I possessed of value, was sent, as you were told, to Basil, and you generously promised to accompany me in my flight.

" When I retired to rest on the night of your missing me, I was alarmed by some one calling me by name—it was Cugny, he could not rest though fear that you might not be able to accompany me and that I should be lost to him forever. Before he reached La Sarras, in disguise, he heard of our flight, followed us to the little inn, and in a few moments after I left you, we were on our way to Brunnels.

" Perhaps you think we ought to have confided in you, Cugny did most earnestly desire it, but I knew better than he, the state of your mind, and I feared that in the extremity of your passion, some terrible catastrophe might ensue. All was done in the greatest haste, as you may all suppose, and after all, dear Oliver, the difference in your feelings would not have been so great had you accompanied us to Brunnels, for then you would have to learn the state of my heart, and how should you have felt towards your friends! We were married immediately and then both wrote to you, explaining every thing and asking, entreating, imploring your pardon."

" Yes," said Cugny, " and let me add, dear Oliver, that during the two happy years we have had together, you have never been out of our thoughts. I wished earnestly to be sent to Hungary, where I heard you were, and when the Emperor Leopold asked the King of France for assistance, I determined to exert all my influence to accompany the auxiliary troops. I succeeded in being transferred to the division of Colligny, and here at length, I have found you. Look at this, dear Oliver, here is the mother of pearl knife, pardon us, and let me not believe that this knife has cut friendship."

Oliver pressed Cugny to his heart with great emotion, and turning towards Helen with a smile he observed that he might have suspected all this, for that even in their little games Cugny always contrived to capture the little Helen. " My friend," said she, " I beat no longer, you, Cugny, were the Paris who bore off my Helen, and I have nothing to forgive."

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From the Magazines

FROM THE LADIES' COMPANION, FOR AUGUST.

TWILIGHT.

BY MRS. LYDIA H. SIGOURNEY.

There is a dimness, like a doubt,
That weaves with mist and rain,
When Day hath in its glory died,
Ere the Night comes forth with pride,
Of silver raiment.

'Tis like the soft delay of youth
Where Love hath built its throne,
A coy reluctance ere it rest
Each one in another's breast,
To be no more its own.

It is the gentle pause of Heaven,
Even as a mother mild,—
Before the sweet babe sinks to rest,
Inquireth how the day has spent—
Of her forgetful child.

Then Consecration, like that fearful cry
Midst Abraham's deep sorrow,
" Where is thy brother?"—turns its ray
Upon the annal of the Day,
Thus to the Night—

Perchance the queenly moon ascends,—
And lo! the haughty Sea,
On her pale face doth fix his eye,
And toiling, forgets to roll and sigh
Beneath her regency.

Yet, to night gray, to me is dear,—
More than the blushing day,—
Or noonide's plenitude of light—
Or sober certainty of night,
Or moon with silver ray.

For then at sceptred Memory's call,
Long buried scenes awake,
And crowd in clamorous throngs back
With music o'er their flowery track,
Their ancient seats to take.

And parted friends, of whom we say,
In hope of meeting soon,
Bend meekly down from Glory's sphere
And with their angel smile or tear
Allure us to the blest.

FROM GRAHAM'S MAGAZINE, FOR AUGUST.

"I STRIKE MY FLAG."*

BY REV. WALTER COLTON, U. S. N.

I strike, not to a conqueror king—
A man of mortal breath—
A weak, imperious, guilty thing,
I strike to thee, O Death!

I strike that flag, which in the fight
The hopes of millions hailed,
The flag, which threw its meteor light
Where England's lion quailed

I strike to thee, whose mandates fall
Alike on king and slave,
Whose livery is the shroud and pall,
And palace-court the grave.

Thy captives round the caverned earth,
Their fetters throw on me,
From court and camp, the wave and hearth,
All, all have bowed to thee.

But thou, stern Death, must yet resign
Thy captive who dies that day;
The Power that makes the mortal thine
Will yet remand his trust.

Thine mighty voice shall reach this ear,
Beneath the grave's cold cloak,
This form, these features reappear
In life before their God.

* Last words of the late Commodore Hall.

FROM GRAHAM'S MAGAZINE, FOR AUGUST.

THE POSTOFFICE.

BY MISS SEDGWICK.

The family of James O'Moore was a reputable branch of the old and broad spreading tree of the O'Moores in Ireland. James had married young, in the prime of life and hope, and, as soon as they can themselves indulge in the luxury of wives and children, and think it very fitting the poor should do without them. Neither would Jemmy O'Moore be guilty of such injustice, which has been well called the " starveling of the ship." So, at five-and-thirty, he was a husband and the father of nine children; five," as his wife expressed it, " come to the Blessed Virgin, to Hanon—three boys a-trooping their father and sister three boys and one Mary, dear, the beauty o' County Cork tho' her mother should be ashamed to say it, but her mother it was alone that knew she was the truest and best that ever mortal breathed, except her father, poor man."

These who, unreasonably, or, if they will, reasonably, dislike the Irish, cannot deny that, in the glowing fervor of their affections, in generosity to their kindred and people, and in gratitude to any memory of the human family, Jew Greek, or barbarian, who, *in a kind manner*, renders them a service, they are unequalled. O'Moore had a jubilant and generous landlord, and he would have thriven well in his own country, with only his four surviving children to boy or bring up; but there was a cousin, with three sick girls and a boy, to whom his kind heart bade him extend protection and support. The boy, Dennis Heavey, was to be sent, no charge to him, or to his mother. Dennis was a stout, brave and manful boy, and, when but twelve years old, he had saved the life of the heir, and only son, of the lord of the domain upon which he lived. The unfortunate only son of Sir Philip Morrit and his wife, Lady Ellen, was born with a deformity that made him incurably lame. He was beside sickly, and of a nervous temperament, and retiring disposition. He loved solitude; and, only his foster-brother, Dennis Heavey, the nurse and nurse-child wander about the woodlands of the estate. His ruling passion was a love of wild flowers, and in trying to obtain some violets that grew on the brink of a stream that bounded the estate, he fell in, and, unable to resist the swift current, he was carried down into an artificial pool, which he would inevitably have been drowned but for the timely intervention of Dennis Heavey. Dennis came near being dragged under by the convulsive grasp of the drowning child, but his stout arm and shorter heart prevailed; and he not only took the boy from the water, but carried him, half a mile, to the castle, and laid him in his mother's arms. Dennis was at once taken to the castle, was taught by Master Edward's tutor, reading, writing and cipherin, and, what to Dennis was as important, he was taught under the head gardener the instruction to be a good gardener. The gardener's cottage, the pleasant cottage, and premised to forward them by giving Rosy an eligible place at the castle. That Dennis should ever leave it, while Master Edward lived, was out of the question. Lady Ellen said, and Dennis assented, for he felt himself bound there not only by Edward's dependence upon him, but by his gratitude for the multiplied favors heaped on him and his family by Sir Philip and Lady Ellen.

A week had passed since he had seen Rosy. In the next half hour after his communication with Lady Ellen he was on his way to the cottage. Rosy, who always knew when it was Dennis that knocked, opened the door for him. The flush of welcome, or the blush that accompanied her check when Dennis kissed it, soon passed away, and he observed that she was paler and less cheerful than usual.

" Sure, Dennis," said the mother, " these have been the longest days of the year that you have been staying away from us."

" Indeed, and that's true," replied Dennis, glancing at Rose, " hours are minutes here, and minutes are hours away from us."

" Oh, it's getting darker than ever we thought it yet, Dennis." Dennis stared. " Is it O'Moore that's been at the castle to-day?" continued the old woman.

" No."

" Nor Dan, nor Pat, nor Tommy?"

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" Then, the news—bad luck to it—is yet to tell."

Dennis was confounded. He fancied he only had news to tell, and, resolving not to have that interfered with, he turned from the mother and asked Rosy to walk down the green lane with him. Rose had on a straw-white apron, three her little cheeses her shoulders, and they went out together. The sentiment of the humble, like the disease of childhood, is simple, uncomplicated, and little varying in its symptoms.

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Rose only sighed in reply.

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" And answered just as long ago—was it not Dennis!"

" Sure, sure it was, Rosy, and we have been as good as one ever since, having but one heart between us—both pulsified sure all, and so, Rosy dear—but why are you so dark!—you send coffin to the very word of me." Rosy burst into tears. " Oh, speak, Rosy; if trouble has come to you have not I a right to the better half of it!"

Dennis' arm was around Rosy's waist, and Rosy pressed the hand that was on her breast, but she could not utter a word. Dennis wiped off the tears with Rosy's apron, saying, " There, my life, don't send any more after them! I have news to tell you that will drive away all sorrow—sunshine to each away all the clouds. Rosy, if you dare to stand, attention to me!"

And he proceeded to communicate the sure and near prospect that Lady Ellen's kindness had opened to them. Poor Rosy's sadness deepened at every word, and, when he had finished, she covered her face and sobbed out, " It cannot be—it cannot be—Dennis, it can never be." Dennis, alarmed and confounded, was rather relieved when he found out the real lion in the way; and, after a little soothing and cheering, Rosy began to feel that there was still twilight above her horizon. She had communicated the following facts:

It seemed that James O'Moore had been long vainly struggling against the current of hard times. With all the indulgences of his landlord, it was hard for him to pay his rent; and his boys, now grown to be capable and industrious, had no work to do. Emigration is the great national resource for Ireland. O'Moore's relations and friends, on every side, were going to America, and sending home letters with accounts of success, and remittances, for those left behind. A few days before, O'Moore had received letters from the husbands of Dennis' sisters. They were still in Canada, where they had heard the most tempting accounts of the facilities for settlers on the new lands in the United States, and they vehemently urged O'Moore to come out, with his sons, and join them. O'Moore was an impulsive and determined man—qualities that do not often go together. Forseeing opposition from the women, he imparted his plans to the boys, only. They joyfully concurred with him. He made extensive arrangements for the sale of such effects as must be left behind him, and, on the morning of that day, he told his wife and daughter that, in one week, they must be riding on the salt water.

Rosy listened as she would have listened to a sentence of death, and, turning from her father, she sunk down on a chair, pale and motionless. Her mother understood her child's feelings, and, after her own surprise and shock had a little subsided, she said, " Sure, Rosy, James O'Moore, it's for the good of your boys, I have not a word to say again it.—I shall not long bide it—I cannot learn to stand alone in my old age."

" Aboo! I will not we be on every side of you!"

" Not she that I most lane on. I have always had something to lane upon since first I lay upon my mother's bosom; when she was taken, then it was my poor father, then it was you, Jemmy, and now is it not Rosy that I must lay my prop—my rest and comfort by night and by day!"

" And, God helping me, will still be, mother," said Rosy, dropping on to the floor at her mother's feet, and laying her head on her lap.

" Ah, my darling, is it not you that're promised, and, as I left all for your father, so you must leave all for Dennis—this is the thorny way of life that Providence has marked with his own finger!"

" Now, this is just what I was say," interposed Jemmy, " flying off into the clouds, instead of walking in the beaten road before you. What the divil sigaffiles blurring your eyes, Rosy? You—can't Dennis come and live with us?"

" Never, never, father; he is duty-bound to Master Edward. *It's the nearest duty we must do.* I'll go with you, mother—I will, and I'll say never a word against Dennis doing it's bidding, and that is all I can honestly promise."

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" That's my own darling," said her mother; " it was the night I was dreaming of roasted potatoes, and there's a sign of letters coming—old blind Berry 'twas told me the sign, when Pat, his son, was away to the Indies. But, Rosy dear, where's the money to pay for the news?"

" To there not a shilling, mother, I'd of the last pound of one!"

" Ah! too, Rosy, that same want is Gilliot for the last visit of my mistress. I would not ask you, darling, but sure a letter would be better to us all than gold. There's the gold-piece Dennie—God ever bless him—gave you at parting!"

" Mother, what for would I tell you in that dark hour and you sick, but sure it was the gold-piece I paid for father's coffin, to quiet his dear soul. Could he rest easy, the thing not paid for, and his own dear child having gold in her purse!"

" It's all right, Rosy, love; the blessing of the dead and the living on you! If there should be a letter! Pat, boy, is there ne'er a shilling at the bottom of your empty purse!"

" Na, na, mother," groaned Pat from the chair, where he sat cowering over the coals; " my last shilling went to the pedlar, bad luck to him, for the fever pills."

" Oh, mother, dear," interposed Rosy, " it's a lucky thought, the same I have." She pulled from her bosom a shilling, suspended by a thread bare ribbon, from which its original rose-color had been long washed out. " Sure I never thought of its being money—it was *a love token* we called it. It was when you and I and Dennis went to the fair—he bought this ribbon and tied round my neck, you remember, mother—it was my seventh birth-day—I'd scarce know myself without it—but I'll not scruple parting with it to bring you the comfort of a letter, so kiss it for luck's sake, mother, dear."

Her mother kissed the love-token, and kissed her good child, and poured out a shower of tears, as she said " God Almighty's blessing rest on you, as it does, and ever will, for you've kept all His laws, and crowned them all with honoring father and mother—so you've His sure word that these black days shall lighten up, and be long and bright to the last, in the land that the Lord thy God giveth to thee—God speed ye, my darling!"

These blessings, the very effluence of well-performed duties, fell, like balm, on the heart of Rosy's spirit, and filled it with cheerful expectation. She changed her working-dress for a holiday suit, and, having arranged becomingly her fine dark hair, she looked at herself with paradoxical complacency, for no dream-toon mirror ever reflected a sweeter face than was given back by the little bit of broken, triangular glass, by which she tied on a pretty straw hat. " Rosy," said her mother, " your mourning bonnet, child!" A crape bonnet of her own fashioning, was the only badge of mourning Rosy had been able to obtain. " There's no look under a black bonnet, mother, dear," said Rosy, " so this once I'll leave it behind—the wind is on my heart at night, the crowd that surrounded him, she locked with fear and dismay at the means of newspapers, fearing that her poor little letter, if she had one among them, would share the fate of the needle in the hay-mow. It so happened that the member from Clifton county had been making a speech in Congress on the Bankrupt Law, and that he had forwarded to his constituents a large bale of newspapers containing this precious effusion, and half as many letters to his particular friends, filled with the gossip of Washington. There were a few papers of the best order, and any number of Albanys, Transcripts, Suns and Heralds, beside some reads of Brother Jonathan and New Worlds. After these had been, for the most part, delivered, and the crowd ebbed, Rosy approached the table and modestly inquired if there were any letter for her O'Moore, but none had arrived yet in the postoffice. A hot discussion was begun on the Bankrupt Law, in which all were interested as parties, or creditors of parties—and Rosy repeated her inquiry thrice, before she was listened to, and then Peter Smith replied crabbedly, " Can't you wait a minute, child!" and grumbled, " pests!—these Irish!" Rosy did wait five minutes at least, endeavoring to persuade herself that it was the heat that weighed of her own anxieties and the burden of her poor brother and sick brother on her spirit. She then said " It's my mother, sir, would thank ye to look if there's ever a letter for Rosy O'Moore, or any of her people!"

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" Miss Rose O'Moore—Clifton Postoffice—Illinois—United States of America."

" Can't you read it!—it's plain as print," said Peter Smith. Rosy's eye did not read, it devoured every letter, and tear after tear dropped upon it. The good-natured man who had interposed to procure the letter was near turning fumbling in every pocket, and turning his purse inside out, to make up her deficit, but in vain—there is many a man of substance in our western states who has not money to pay a letter's postage. " It is too bad," he said. " I see this going on here every day. Here comes the current of a mail-bag filled with no manner of trash; speeches not worth a groat, and letters worth less, brought all the way from Washington with the frank of some poor devil of a congressman, who had better be planting potatoes at home—why should his letters be free, and these poor emigrants pay a quarter of a dollar for a single sheet! who are thirsting for a word of news from their old homes—who, in their hard toil and hard fare, look forward to a letter to cheer and entertain them, who think of it by day and dream of it by night, and when it comes—their manna in the wilderness—it is loaded with a postage they cannot pay; is nor righteous, inhumane tax it is."

" Sure! as that my business!" asked Peter.

" No—but it is the fault of our congressmen, who spend their time in party squabbles, in doing harm and undoing good, instead of working for the benefit of the people who pay them. Year after year we have a report in favor of the reduction of postage, and there is the end of it—not a finger is stirred to remove the burthen. It makes my blood boil to see these postages so brought here for three cents each from New York and Boston, big enough, some of them, to cover a prairie, and in multitudes like the plague of frogs, and here this poor child cannot get a letter her heart is breaking for, without fifty cents—tell your friends to print their letters, my girl! Ah, these politicians shall answer for these heart wrenches, man by man—there are no accounts with double consciousness—no open books with congressmen—they must answer as fathers, brothers and sons for this permitted wrong."

Rosy, who had but half heard and half understood this philippic, started forward, saying, " Oh, pray, sir, let me have the letter with me; I'll leave my cloak and my bonnet for a pledge." She untied them both, and threw them on the table. " Sure, to you, they are worth more than the letter."

" It's against the rule," replied Peter, somewhat softened, " to take any thing but cash."

" But I'll bring the cash, indeed I will—the Kellys are coming in one fortnight, and then surely I'll bring it."

" Oh, you no doubt—the *Kellys* are coming—I'll keep the letter safe for you, child, till their arrival—hand it over."

We have noticed that there was a small door, which entered the shop from a narrow street on one side the building. At the moment Rosy threw down her hat and cloak, there appeared, at that door, a traveller just arrived in Clifton. His dress had the air of comfort and adaptation which is rather characteristic of the old country, and he had that robust frame and high colored cheek that marks the recent comer from a healthier land than our new countries. He had paused on the door step and was regarding the scene within with an interest very unlike that of a careless stranger. Rosy's back was toward him, but at every word she spoke her color heightened, and his eye dashed fire at Peter Smith's unmanned behaviour. " Hand the letter over." And, when to this Rosy replied vehemently, " That will I never—may drop the hat and cloak intense, by the home so dear and beloved, while Peter Smith thought to him self, or murmured to a vicinage gossip, as he threw one after another down, " Sister has got his answer from the land office, at last—short and not sweet, I can tell him! Ah, news from that! so-my Laffin!" and then a chuckle; " the widow will have another chance!"

* All our readers may not know that an English shilling is about twenty-five cents.

By this time, a little boy had made his way to the table and asked bashfully, " if there was any letter for grandfather?"

" Gran-father! who's your grandfather! Oh, I know—Anson Vahl—wait a minute—yes; where is your money for the postage?"

The little fellow drew coarse, and, frightened by being observed, he dropped his head and hesitated—

" Speak out; have you got the money or not, sharper?—a cash article, a letter at this post-office."

" Grandfather is sick, sir, and he has not got any money left; but we expect there's some in that letter from father, sir."

" You and grandfather must take it out in expectations, my lad, this is a single letter—marked so, and I'm sure of it they can't cheat me," he continued, fingering the letter, " if they do the down-easters. It will keep till called for, my boy; there are fifty others there to keep it company; waiting till their owners can get money to pay for them."

The poor child's tears dropped on to the floor, and, losing his bashfulness in stronger feeling, he said, " I know there's a bank-bill in it, for father promised to send it."

A gentleman who had taken half a dozen franked letters from the table, with a score of newspapers, was awaiting the change of a half dollar; his attention was arrested by the little boy's tremulous voice, and compassionating his hard case, he said to Peter Smith, " Give the poor child his letter, and let the balance of my half dollar pay for it."

" Oh, thank you sir," said the boy, as he took the letter. " But I know the bill is in it; won't you please to open the letter, sir, and see?"

" No, my little fellow, carry the note home unbroken to your 'grandfather;' I have got my money's worth."

Could one pierce into the sacred treasury in the heart, one might see how much richer the gentleman was by his spent money than Mr. Johnston by the same sum in his till.

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OUR WEEKLY GOSSIP.

It is the candid opinion of the writer of this gossip, that John Quincy Adams ought to be ashamed of himself; and so ought every man who defers until the age of threescore and ten a visit to Niagara; while he does not forget to run all over Europe. It is a characteristic of the American people that, despite of all their professions of patriotism and love of country, they are more ambitious of obtaining knowledge of the history, geography and manners of the old world than of the new; and that we find foreign tourists better acquainted, and more in love with the remarkable scenery of this country than Americans are. Men of wealth choose to travel in Europe, and to send their children there, while they are totally unacquainted by observation with American scenery upon which any travelled foreign penny-a-liner can dilate by the hour. These things ought not so to be. It is the duty of American citizens to know their own land; and no description, and no chart, can convey to the seeker half so much as he may learn in a journey, however hurried. We find no distinction in travelling north or travelling south; east or west. Cars from one great commercial point to another, and, at certain seasons, to the watering places, they are on the wing by thousands. But these annual journeys run in the same beaten tracks, and the journey is looked upon merely as the necessary something to be endured between the points of departure and of arrival. However, we believe that customs in this respect have been mending within the few last years.

Every body who can leave the city for recreation is now gone. Probably the number of absentees exceeds twelve thousand at this present writing. Consequently there is, to the cash-get-aways, a great absence of familiar faces on the pave, and in business matters the city bath somewhat of a Sabbath appearance. Indications are, however, decidedly in favor of a cheerful Fall business; particularly as all the world has become content within a few years to receive something short of miraculous profits in merchandise, and in labor.

In relation to the crops, we have watched the reports from different sections with tolerably close attention. The early promise, the reader is aware was, every where, exceedingly abundant. Much abatement has been made from this by the very long drought which preceded the rains, the first of this week; but still, though particular sections have suffered severely, there is a prospect of more than an average yield of the great staples. Our farmers in some sections, have been compelled to feed hay to their grazing cattle, the herbage being so completely dried up; but this is an evil that the recent rains will remedy. Fruit, particularly peaches, will be abundant; and the great bugaboo of the alarmists, the locusts, appear to have come and gone without causing any very severe injury.

There is this, however, to be remembered in relation to the products of the earth in the United States. In old and densely peopled countries, upon the question of crops, it depends, whether a portion of the people shall starve, or receive a bare subsistence, abundant food being a blessing which by all is seldom attainable. With us, however, the highest scale in the standard of some European countries, is the lowest point. That is to say, the population are all sure of enough to eat; and the difference in crops involves only the question whether the price shall be nominal or real: whether the champions of monopolies shall have means to purchase luxuries, or whether monopolies alone shall absorb the income of the poor. In no case, since the settlement of the country, has the population realized what is deemed "distress" in the old world; and yet how frequently do we hear complaints loud and earnest;—so true is it that indulgence and luxuries become necessaries by habit, and that the spoilt man, as well as the spoilt child, may make so much clamor at the absence of superfluities, as the real sufferer does at the deprivation of necessaries.

In news the past week is principally remarkable as having been remarkable for nothing. No new topic has risen in the city or out, for politicians, theologians, or general quidnuncs to fall to upon; and the old the nos are more than seven out of the nine days of wonder. Gossip is at a stand still, and rumor appears to have made a halt to plume her wings. Common fame has received her usual weekly demonstration as a common liar, and uncommon events have been uncommonly scarce. What the next steamer (now hourly expected) may bring from the old world, remains to be seen; but there is little chance that its intelligence will rise above the average level of the dog-days. The truth is that the present generation seems to feel that it has done its mission, and is waiting for the young fellows of the next to come forward and blow their trumpets. Men never have lived faster than since 1830; consequently men never took doing nothing and keeping quiet so naturally as they do just now. Come along, you boys of the next generation, and wake us up—we old young men of the present!

ESPIONAGE.

The editor of a New York paper professes to have in his possession, a circular of the English government, signed by Lord Aberdeen, and addressed to all its commercial and other agents in this country, requiring the most minute information in relation to slaves and slavery in all its details—the physical force of the negroes—their relations to their masters—their general treatment, general character and peculiarities, &c. &c., with very full statements as to sources of information, means of judging, &c. It the editor has such a document, why does he not publish it, and permit the reader to judge both of its authenticity, and of its purpose? The tenor of the enquiries would very probably develope the object for which they are made. It is well understood that a large interest in the British empire is desirous of providing cheap laborers from among the East Indian cluters for the British Island and South American possessions, and it may be in reference to this project that the questions are asked. The New York paper may be, for purposes of its own, making a mystery of something about which there is no desire for concealment; but if there be any attempt on the part of the British government to obtain covertly and surreptitiously, any statistics relative to this country, it should be met by indignant remonstrance. There is nothing relative to the condition of the South, or indeed in relation to the state of any part of the country over which any attempt at concealment is thrown. Open and impartial observation is courted, but underhand and sneaking espionage, tending to false results, is unendurable.

PROBABLE PIRACY.

The New Bedford Bulletin of Monday states that a Providence schooner found from that port to New York, fell in, on Sunday, with a schooner, with all sail set; running pretty close to her, discovered there was no one on board. They immediately boarded her, found that she had one anchor down 60th a short stage, and on trying her pumps, found three feet of water in her hold, and on further search, found that she was scuttled forward just above the copper. The foremasts was torn to pieces, the bunks torn down, a hole cut in the cabin floor, with an axe lying beside it. The cabin was in great disorder—all valuable articles were taken away except the quadrant and compass, which were found in the mate's locker; the captain's trunk was found opt. open, and was completely pillaged. On examination, the vessel proved to be the schooner Levina, of Alexandria, Dearborn, master, with a cargo of bits dried meat, black-eyed peas, yellow corn and red oak staves. The crew list found in the Captain's trunk was as follows:

Charles H. Dearborn, master; Walter A. Nicoll, mate; John Johnson, cook; David Bate, William Webster and George Mathews, seamen. Nicoll is from Northumberland county, Va., Johnson has no residence opposite his name; Bate is from Cape May, N. J., and Webster and Mathews from Baltimore. The Captain and Mate, with Bate and Webster, would write—the others made their marks in signing the articles, which fact may prove to be of some importance.

The Levina was towed to New Bedford, and taken charge of by the United States Marshall. The chests of the seamen were gone from the forecastle, and the boat was gone. The last regular entry in the Log Book was on the 16th of July. In a small book was found the following:

Friday night, 14th of July, 1843—About half past ten o'clock it was the mate's watch on deck along with me, when the captain came on deck and told me to keep the vessel to the wind, and I done so; then the mate was aft on the seat close to the taffrail, asleep, and the captain went up and shook him, and said you are a damned fellow to be an officer of a vessel, and struck at him, and they at one another; the mate got the captain down on his back on the taffrail, and the main sheet block under them, it gave a jerk and pitched them overboard. So I put my helm down, but it was of no use; for, by the time the vessel was round, they were not to be seen. There was no one on deck but myself, and could do no good for them. I ran forward and called the men, but by the time they got up, the vessel was going afore the wind, and we could not see or hear them.

15th. Kept the vessel her course.
16th. do.
17th. do.
18th. Saw a vessel, stood towards her to find what course to stand for the nearest port. Told us due West for Bermuda, and NNW for New York. We done so.
19th. do.

In another place, a memorandum was found representing the fighting to have taken place on the night of the 19th. The impression at New Bedford is that the crew rose, and threw the officers overboard. Time will develope the mystery.

It is stated that on Saturday evening three men, with each a bag, landed near New Bedford from a small boat. This circumstance may lead to the capture of the crew, who undoubtedly committed the murder.

JOHN Q ADAMS.

It is an old proverb that it is never too late to learn; and the veteran John Quincy Adams appears disposed, so far as his age will establish the fact, to prove it. During his long life, and through all the volumes of speeches which he has uttered, it is said that he never said within a few weeks pronounced what is called a "stump speech." He has as we all know, said as much as any other man alive in debate, or upon set subjects, but he never before took occasion to deliver a long talk upon "matters and things in general," in answer to a complimentary address. It must be acknowledged, however, from a specimen which we give below, that Mr. A. succeeds very well for a beginner!

Having never before visited Saratoga and Niagara, Mr. Adams has been making a tour to those and other places of interest. At Saratoga, and in Rochester, Buffalo, and in other cities, he has been formally waited upon by deputations of citizens without distinction of party. The following is an extract from Mr. Adams's speech at Buffalo. The "old man eloquent" seems in rapture with Niagara:

"What shall I say to you? But as the return for welcome is gratitude, and as gratitude, is sometimes loquacious, I must say something further to you. What can I say but to congratulate you? I congratulate you upon your condition in life. I congratulate you upon the land in which you live—a land flowing with milk and honey—a land of mountains and valleys—of mountains, and mountains all over the world are the abodes of liberty. Liberty is a mountain nymph; but beside that general property possessed in every quarter of the globe, you possess a blessing reserved by the Creator for you alone—and that is the phenomenon of which so late in life, I have, within the last four days been a witness.

"Your land is not only a land of mountains, but of cataracts and whirlpools—objects of nature in which the Creator of the world has displayed his sublimest power. In visiting them—in gazing at them—in dwelling upon them, as in the last four days I have done, I have felt somewhat as I seem to feel in your presence. I felt unable to speak. It seemed as if there was a suspension, not only of words, but of thought—that it threw a man, seeing them for the first time, into the condition ascribed to the prophet of old—as if the spirit of God came upon him—as if he saw the vision of the Almighty, falling into a trance having his eyes open. The fall of those dashing and roaring waters—the instant destruction with which we know them to be fraught—the danger, the leap which they tempt us to make and mingle with them—the serene tranquillity of the long river upon its vista before them, and the smooth and silent current in which they flow again, after the fall, showing in contrast at one view, the extreme of violence and repose—and above all that rainbow set in cloud, the covenant pledge of God to man, that what in its nature is destruction shall not destroy—form altogether a picture for the imagination which one feels that words cannot express. When the recollection comes that the intelligence and industry of man have made those waters tributary to a great public improvement, and the cataract itself an instrument of the bounty of God for the benefit of the human family, by borrowing from this stupendous wonder of Nature a portion of its stream for manufacturing purposes, we cannot but exclaim, 'Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Omnipotent!'—in wisdom hast thou made them all."

AN ABOMINABLE TRICK.

It is a defect in our laws that they provide no means to punish the villian in the following story, which we find in the Rochester Democrat. A young man in that city, whose intemperate habits had reduced his family to want, signed the temperance pledge about eight months since, and for six months kept it faithfully, during which time he had regained his strength, and made his family comparatively comfortable. Some two months ago, he was employed by a tavern-keeper, at whose house he boarded. The landlord, in jeke or with worse motives, resolved to make the reformed inebriate break his pledge. To effect this, he mixed whiskey with some ginger beer, which he poured out of a beer bottle, and it was unconsciously drunk by the unfortunate victim. Before he detected the fraud, the poor fellow had tasted the alcohol. His slumbering appetite was revived, and in twenty-four hours he was again drunk. His poor wife and child are again beggared; and none but those who know what a drunkard's family suffers, can conceive the misery which this family has endured since the success of this fiendish plot to destroy their peace.

A case somewhat similar occurred a few years since in New Orleans. A man from New York went out to that city, in part as a Washingtonian delegate. He called upon an old Eastern acquaintance, who was connected with a hotel near New Orleans. This *friend* managed to smuggle alcohol into his drink, for the amusement of some of the bystanders, and the pledge thus once broken, the work was followed up, by raillery and other means, until the victim was made beastly drunk. He sleeps now in Potter's Field—from that "frolic" he never recovered. He could not endure to think of return to his Northern friends—he felt conscious that their respect for him must be forfeit, as he had lost all respect for himself.

WORTH A TRIAL.

The Reading Gazette states that a lady in that vicinity in looking over an old volume found a recipe which purported to be a cure for unproductiveness in apple trees. It was simply to cut from each limb, close to where it diverges from the trunk, a piece of bark about four inches round the limb, and one inch in its width, and immediately replace it by tying it on with a rag until it adhered again. Early in the spring she tried the experiment upon a tree ten years old, which had never borne any fruit; leaving, however, two or three of the limbs untouched. The result is, that it is now filled with apples, which had fair to ripen finely; but it is worthy of remark, that only on those limbs which had been cut in the fruit to be seen. The operation is very simple; and, as it has proved successful in this instance, we have no hesitation in recommending its trial in similar cases.

A CRUEL CASE.

We find the following in the New York Sunday, and although as a general rule we greet the publication of such things, yet to this we give place, as unusual in its incidents, and impressive in its lesson:

"On Thursday night, between ten and eleven o'clock, a above boat pulled by one man, and containing a young female, came alongside the U. S. ship Independence, lying off Ellis' Island, and on being hailed, the female desired to know if Midshipman ... was on board. On being answered in the affirmative, she insisted on seeing him, but the officer of the deck told her it was impossible, as not only the regulations of the ship, but the rules of the service forbade it. She urged, implored and entreated, but the officer, actuated by a stern sense of duty, was still compelled to adhere to his original resolution of refusing her admittance on board. Finding that he was inexorable, the young girl, without a moment's thought, sprang from the boat, in which she had been standing, and sank. A seaman who had been standing in the fore chains, listening to the girl's conversation, saw her make the spring, and as she touched the water he sprang overboard after her, and a few hasty strokes brought him to the spot as she arose. He seized her, and holding her up, the above boat dropped alongside of them and took in the unfortunate girl and her gallant preserver.

"The officer of the deck had her brought on board, and surmising that something extraordinary must have occurred to induce the female to attempt suicide, he summoned the first lieutenant. When he reached the deck he drew from her a history of the causes which brought her out at the hour of the night in such a place, and it was one of love, confidence, misrelied and subsequent desertion.

"The midshipman who was the cause of the poor girl's troubles was called on deck, and being confronted with her, was at once recognized. What steps the first lieutenant then took with the necessary officer we are ignorant of as yet, but the young girl was sent on shore, having first given her address, with the assurance that full and ample justice should be done as soon as the commodore arrives."

FROM TEXAS.

Commodore Moore, with the two Texan vessels under his command, returned to Galveston on the 14th of July. There was quite a turn out of volunteer soldiers and citizens, to welcome the Commodore home. We do not hear any thing of that attack which he was determined to make on the Mexican steamers. Nor do we find that any proceedings have been taken by President Houston against the Commodore. It is said that the whole of the Mexican forces have left the coast of Yucatan, and that commissioners have been appointed on the part of Texas to arrange with the Mexicans the basis of a treaty.

Late accounts from inland Texas, via St. Louis, bring intelligence of two rather important affairs. One is a rencounter, on the 5th of July, on the Big Arkansas river between one hundred Mexicans, and one hundred Texans. The fight lasted about half an hour. *Of course* twenty or thirty of the Mexicans were killed, and the rest made prisoners, and *of course*, also, no Texan was hurt, one only receiving a bullet through his hat. The prisoners were afterward *released*, and returned to the main camp, whereupon the whole force, six hundred in number, took to flight toward Santa Fe. This story would look a little more probable in its details, if the Texans had not escaped so completely unscathed.

The other affair is more probable. A part of Warfield's predatory gang, one hundred in number, crossing over into Arkansas, were made prisoners by the United States troops. They were disarmed, and afterward released, and made their way back, and it is supposed, joined Col. Warfield. The pretext they alleged for being armed, was, that they were "hunters." Hunters of booty, no doubt.

THE SCOTCH CHURCH.

We learn by a letter from Robert Baird, dated London, June 22d, to the New York Observer, that the members from the established church of Scotland, are about to send a delegation to this country for pecuniary aid. Dr. Baird had just returned from a visit to Scotland, where he was surprised to find the secession, now organized as "The Free Church of Scotland," so numerous and making such progress. Already 470 pastors had given up their places, and he thinks the number of congregations will soon reach thirty. The Wesleyans and other Independents in England render them friendly aid. I presents of a million of dollars had been subscribed in the Kingdom to enable them to build churches, found a Seminary, &c. But much more is needed. Some eighty young men are preparing for the ministry, which is deficient in numbers. Dr. Baird says:

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AN INDUSTRIOUS ROGUE.

We seldom find a villain taking so much pains for the lift of a small sum as was recently done in New York. Two or three weeks since the landlady of one of the first rate boarding houses there, received as a boarder in her house, a gentlemanly looking man who represented himself to be a "Front street merchant." After remaining some days, one Sunday morning as the family were about sitting down to breakfast, the gentleman's clerk came to the house with his letters, on opening one of which he became very much agitated, and after requesting a private interview with the landlady, which being granted, he told a rigmarole story about the insolvency of a firm in Baltimore, that it was necessary to proceed there immediately—that he had no cash to meet the emergency—and concluded by asking the loan of $50, which she gave, taking his gold watch as security for repayment. As he did not return in time, the w... was examined, and found to be as good as a turnip, with brass cases gilded by the galvanic process. His rusty portmanteau on being opened displayed a fresh and choice assortment of shavings, with two large stones to make it heavy—altogether, the assets of the swindler were remarkably small.

A CAUTION.

The following, which we cut from the Houston Telegraph, certainly has some semblance of reason in it. At any rate, cleanliness should suggest the frequent cleansing of the material of which beds and mattresses are made:

"Few persons, perhaps, are aware that diseases of a dangerous or fatal character may be caused by sleeping on moss or hair mattresses that have been long used. It is a well known fact that decaying vegetable or animal substances give out a foul and unwholesome vapor, and as the moss or hair in old mattresses is often in decomposition, persons who sleep upon them are liable to inhale their vapors and thus contract disease as certain as by inhaling the miasma of a swamp or marsh. It is important, therefore, that all old mattresses, intended for summer use, should be opened and the hair or moss washed clean, and repacked, after it is well dried in a clean tick. By this means the causes of disease will be removed and the mattresses thus repaired, will be as wholesome and as convenient as new. The expense of cleansing and re-picking mattresses is trifling, and when it is considered how much it contributes to health and comfort, few we hope will be disposed to neglect it."

NEBUCHADNEZZAR.

The following appears in the Boston Transcript, as written by a lady in Oldtown, Mass., aged ninety-three. If Oldtown has many such old ladies, it need not envy the young ladies of younger towns.

See, and that haughty king, my grandsire rise:
Aspiring Babylon attempts the skies.
Millions shall bow before my awful throne,
And every nation worship me alone!
Whilst yet he spake, a solemn voice from Heaven,
Declares he from his kingdom shall be driven.
To graze with beasts amidst the open fields,
No food save that its ample surface yields.
Unchanged every change of seasons bear;
With them repose upon the cordial air.
His reason gone, so long with them he ran
He hardly now retained the form of man.
At length a rising ray of reason shone
His astonished heart, to pierce, to thine—
To Heaven he lifts a supplicating eye,
And finds its gracious succor still nigh
Immediately reason enlightens his mind,
His pride is now subdued, his heart refined.
The lustre of his glory is restored,
Again his counsels own him for their lord
He—and refined, and raised by wisdom's ray
He God adores, and owns his powerful sway!

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Our New York neighbors seem to have an insatiable thirst for drinking in the Croton Water. Whatever else may come of it, it has been the fountain of newspaper paragraphs. The latest is in the Journal of Commerce, which complains that the City Treasury is robbed of a large amount of money by "individuals acting separately and in combination, who traverse the town in all directions, representing themselves as the authorized agents of the Board to supply cisterns, and furnish dwellings with water, and having performed the stipulated service, by attaching hose, which they carry clandestinely to the hydrants in the neighborhood, charging and receiving adequate remuneration therefor." The loss within a short time resulting from this species of fraud has reached to $80,000.

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We may mention the growing disposition on the part of Farmers to possess only as much land as they can cultivate well as proof of these remarks. And we cannot but rejoice at it. For if rightly directed, their influence will ever be exerted for the substantial good of all—since it possesses, from a variety of causes, that admixture of wisdom and prudence, which is unwilling to run foolish risks, or try hazardous experiments in government, yet which is never backward in making exchanges whenever in reason they are called for, or urging reforms when existing evils demand them. Just views of home comfort, just views generally, with regard to every thing else. And when the farming interests practice on these rules and whatever is true economy, comfort and real independence may demand, we may feel assured, not only that their influence will be rightly directed, but that they will see to it that those virtues are practised in our public affairs.

And as a general rule the possession of so much land as may be well cultivated will help to establish these virtues. First, the farmer who is so situated, can apply his industry better: second, he can employ all his capital; third, he can do more and obtain a surer and steadier return from both; fourth, he can secure more of those comforts which tends so much to improve and to civilize all of us;—a good dwelling, good out houses, good fences, good crops, good fertility of soil, and a better knowledge of his business. Nor is this all. When men measure themselves thus, by what they can do, and are zealous to do it, they are not so apt to be led astray by speculation, by avarice, by social display, or any of that class of evils which so much disturb and distress society. They love the earth they till; they are content to till it, being proud of the labor of their hands—they find, and feel under these circumstances, that they can do more good to others, and enjoy themselves better, because necessarily they will look more to what is in a man than what is *around* him, to character, rather than to the number of acres he may own, or the wealth he may possess.

It is a national blessing, in every way, to multiply small farms. Show us a State that has the most of them, and we will guarantee to find there the greatest amount of substantial wealth and real happiness. Economy, it is said, is a mine of wealth, that is practised on them. Energy is the means to supply this mine; and as the truest economy and the strongest energy are employed on them, the more small farms we have, the greater will be the strength and the wealth of the nation.

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The Editor's department is always a pleasant piece of Mosaic work. He manages to snap up and preserve "unconsidered trifles," which give pleasant variety to the pages of the magazine. It is amusing, however, to find some of the papers crediting these things to the knickerbocker as new. The following old affair, which we find in the present number is well worth reprinting:

THE NOVEL-READER

Twas very sweet of a summer's eve,
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Of stars, and dews, and rocks, and caves,
And all that sort of thing.

I loved her for her mild blue eye,
And her sweet and quiet air;
But I'm very sure that I didn't see
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I longed to have a quiet wife,
For a sense quite driven me frantic;
But to be a novel reader's spouse
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The live long day does Laura read
In a cushioned easy-chair,
In stained dresses, and a dirty gown,
And tangled, uncombed hair.

The children look like beggars' brats,
And little have they of breeding;
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For oh! the meals! I'm very sure,
You ne'er did see such feeding;
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The bed-room's very like a sty,
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Before to the shrine you lend her,
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THE ECLECTIC MUSEUM. *Edited by J. H Agnew. New York and Philadelphia: E. Littell.* The embellishment for the August number is a mezzotint by Sartain "The Enchanted Island," from a picture by Danby. The style of engraving is in keeping with the subject, and altogether it forms a charming picture. In the pages of the Museum we have articles from the British Critic, Bentley's Miscellany, Fraser's, Tait's, and the New Monthly Magazines, the United Service, Asiatic, and Chambers Journals, the Westminster and Foreign Quarterly Reviews, the Christian Spectator, the Observer, and other British periodicals of standard merit. The shorter miscellany is abundant, and all the details of the number are well executed.

PRODUCTIVE FARMING; *or a Familiar Digest of the recent Discoveries in Vegetable Chemistry. By Joseph A. Smith. Philadelphia: Geo. S. Appleton.* This work appears in two editions, the cheaper in flexible covers for transmission by mail; a fact which will greatly enhance its usefulness. It is an attempt to present in popular language the discoveries of Liebig, Johnstone, Davy and others, on agriculture; with the view of giving these whose leisure does not permit them to pursue more elaborate studies, the practical benefit of recent publications. Every farmer should buy it; if only as a companion for the other works.

THE BATTLE OF LAKE ERIE, *or Answers to Moore, Burgess, Duer, and Mackenzie. By J. Fenimore Cooper. Cooperstown: H. & E. Phinney. Philadelphia: W. H. Graham.* This is a pamphlet of 116 pages, called out by comments upon Mr. Cooper's Naval History, and upon his biography of Com. Perry, in Graham's Magazine. It is vigorously written and will command the attention of all, and they are thousands, who are willing to examine both sides upon the mooted question of Com. Elliott's share in the battle of Lake Erie; for that, is the point at issue.

DEMOCRATIC REVIEW. *New York: Langleys. Philadelphia: Zieber & Co.* The number of this work for August, has a portrait of Hon. Wm. R. King. Among the contributors we have Joseph C. Neal, Hawthorn, Whittier, Tuckerman, Lowell, Brownson, Harry Franco, Mrs. Ellett, and others. Mr. Tyler gets another pretty severe fling from the editor, by way of "palliation" of the last—queer palliation, by the way. The magazine opens with a paper on the Irish Repeal Question.

THE ILLUSTRATED COMMON PRAYER. *Philadelphia: W. H. Graham.* The Eighth number of this work is embellished with twelve illustrations, after Rembrandt, Bird, Paul Veronese, Sir Joshua Reynolds and others, the subjects of which are among the most beautiful in the whole book. The initial letters are also beautifully executed, and the whole appearance of the number is highly creditable. When this work is finished, it will make one of the richest, in point of execution, ever issued.

THE COMMUNICANT'S COMPANION. *By the Rev. Matthew Henry. With an Introductory Essay, by the Rev. John Brown. Philadelphia: Lindsay & Blackiston.* This work is as well timed in its publication, as excellent in its teachings. Certain events to which we need not now more particularly refer, having awakened all Christians upon the subject of which it treats.

THE WORKS OF LORD BYRON.—No. 7 of Messrs. Carey & Hart's beautiful serial edition of Moore's Byron is published. It is one of the cheapest of the works published in numbers, and, to a man of finical taste in his books this mode of issue affords an opportunity to consult whom in the binding.

THE LATE ORDINATION.—Rev. Mr. Haight, of New York, one of the gentlemen who decided in favor of the late ordination of Mr. Carey, of which so much has been said, has given his reasons, in a letter to a parishioner. It is for sale at Appleton's.

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POISONED.—The Elmira, N. Y., Gazette states that at Southport, a few days since, a wedding party of twenty-five persons, had their lives put in peril, in consequence of eating a wedding cake, covered with sugar sand, which appears to have been made of a new article, called French green, containing arsenite of copper, a substance highly poisonous.

☞ The Newark (N. J.) Advertiser, says there are two millions of dollars paid annually for stockings, and notions a stocking manufactory at the Cohoes on the Mohawk, which makes $600,000 per annum of coarse hose, and by machinery so constructed that one man can perform as much as eight on the European plan.

☞ On the night of Friday last, a fire occurred at Port Deposite, Md., which resulted in destroying the Methodist parsonage, the dwelling of Mr. Elijah Benedict and carpenter's shop, and dwelling of Mr. Snow, who lost nearly all his household effects. The estimated loss is supposed to be about $5000. No insurance.

☞ True Bills have been found at New Orleans against Jno. M. Brewlove and Marshall C. Holliday for stealing and altering the cancelled treasury notes. The jury ignored the bills against Isaiah Rynders and Joseph G. Jewell. They will be detained as witnesses.

☞ The flag designed for the China mission was manufactured out of American Silk, by J. W. Gill, of Mt. Pleasant, Ohio. It is 150 feet in length; stripes, crimson and white, 15 inches wide; the square 8½ feet long, 3 feet 9 inches wide, of a beautiful blue.

☞ We see it stated in a recent number of the Pittsburg Advocate, that the clip of this year in Washington county, will be at least 800 000 pounds, worth $240 000. Some farmers, it is stated, have received for this year's fleece as high as $2000.

☞ The Dobating Society near Waterville, Me., says the Blade of that town, recently discussed the following important question:—"Does lightning fall down, or is it fired off?"

☞ The growing of Wool has so much increased in the northern part of Missouri, that the erection of steam mills in that quarter, for the purpose of carding it, has commenced.

☞ Out of forty-four persons, who receive pensions from Government, whose names begin with B, there are sixteen by the name of Smith, and four John Smiths.

☞ The drought has been so severe in the Connecticut Valley, that the farmers have been obliged to fed out hay to their cattle, there being no grass in the fields.

☞ The English government are talking of completing a Railroad from Calcutta to Delhi, 880 miles, which will convey troops rapidly to revolting provinces.

☞ About 161 persons, of above 100 years of age, die yearly in France.

Correspondence.

FUN DOWN EAST.

Jack Lounger's Letter from Newport,

TO THE EDITOR.

Have you ever fished for tautog? Never!—pon my word, you're no nation, then, of what fishing is, and I'd advise you, as you hope for good report among your fellow men, to come down to Newport in the next boat, and take no rest, day nor night, till you have caught a tautog for breakfast. Talk of your perch fishing in the Delaware,—why, sir, I once fished for three hours in Salem Creek and did not so much as get a bite, except from three infernal eels, which I threw overboard in a passion—and I count myself as apt a hand—though I say it that I should not say it, to use old aunt Mary's favorite phrase—as there is in Jersey, seven miles in a straight line. But to put out your line scientifically and directly with a tog, tug, that makes the cockles of your heart rejoice, you feel a noble fellow at the bait, and with a dexterous pull, you have him on board, ready to be baked, broiled or boiled, as you choose, and a feast for the gods either way! Then there's scup, which you may catch by the cart load. Come along, sir, and let us show you where fishing is fishing.

Here we are at the pier. Ascribe a seal boat that, sir, as ever floated. She belongs above and they call her the Louise, and of all craft to sail into the eye of the wind she's the sharpest. Why, sir, she can run around your common boats like a greyhound. Here she goes—haul in that sheet to bring her closer to the wind, we shall have to beat around the first point—now we have it on the larboard. Let her travel—there she comes up on the other tack—why, what a sprinkling; she tamped gallantly there—never mind, captain, if we do get wet, who cares! Now she has it free, and away we go, skimming along on the top of the waves, a sort of double patent Hoosac's Flying Machine with a crew of the cut-water. How the water bubbles along the side, and whirls by the rudder astern. We are driving like a racer, and are sitting near the mast of our run. Ah! here we are. Get out the anchor, my lads, and stand by to let go—there, she rocks easy—and here's the Dolphin, which from time immemorial, has been the fishing ground of fishing grounds. Out with your lines—by the memory of King Philip—there's a double load, one on each hook, and here another, and another and another—wriggle, flounce and splutter about there to your heart's content, fellow warriors, we'll have the sport of you before noon, and you may thank your lucky stars if we don't fry you kicking.

What a load! There the fisherman, Jim, clean them, and get out the furnace. Ah! the sound of that chap stimmering, is sweeter than an air from Norma, and beats even Beethoven's Chra waltz, for which you are such an enthusiast. Now, that's what I call eating *fish*—not waiting for twenty-four hours till you get them in the market—but eating them fresh, and washing them down at once, with the salt air sharpening your appetite, and your boat rocking on a swell that would make any but old salts like you and I sea-sick. Now, by my faith! there goes a clipper up the bay, and as we're full, suppose we chase her. A race!—a race!—She must tack to pass yonder point, and a thousand to one we beat her. Heavens! what has started! nothing but the sheet, almost dragging Harry overboard, and tearing his right hand to pieces. Poor fellow—pass all some broom paper and hunt up the brandy from the medicine chest—there! Now she's hauled close again, but how we've lost! The rascals in the other boat are hussing, confound the jackanapes! Another pull on that sheet—now she lays into the very teeth of the wind—thump, thump, the forecastle is dolunged and our jackets run moisture, but we gain on the villains—we are side and side, we shoot ahead like a swallow descending to the water—hurrah, hurrah, they're out of sight behind the point, and yonder are the steeples of Newport, with a stiff breeze whitening the waves in the gathering twilight, and promising us a speedy run to the landing.

There now, we're cupped, and are in the balcony up stairs with the ladies—God bless their soft eyes—gazing at the Curtis Puck skim-ming along in the outer harbor, like a white spirit walking the water. Now she has vanished behind the fort, and in five minutes you'll see her away by Point Judith, only visible by her lights, coming a star shooting along the horizon! As beautiful a craft as ever floated in the Curtis Puck—her wheels scarcely appear to touch the water, and she flies along almost without perceptible motion, a something spiritual and graceful exceedingly.

Listen! The ladies have got a delicious bit of gossip, that is just now amusing the town. It's a breach of promise case, and of all such cases, the richest on record. Hear the version yonder lovely girl gives it! Miss Abby B——, is the plaintiff, the daughter of a substantial stone-mason, from whom she has learnt the science of hitting refractory knocks, such as the present defendant has found out to be. Oh! a rare genius is Abby B——. She was engaged to another gentleman, but when the defendant appeared, she threw the first overboard, and took to the new lover, for it is not written in the chronicles of Rhode Island that the defendant is a man well to do in the world, with gold and silver in his office, and a house ready furnished, which the said Miss Abby, in the feeling language of her counsel "is so admirably calculated to grace!" And to judge from the evidence on the trial, says my fair informant, Miss Abby thought so too, for she inspects the house, suggests alterations, and winds up by asking her intended for fifteen dollars to buy a new bonnet. Start not—for is not Abby to be at the head of the old house and purse!—and if she do let once a fig for the lover, why she can enjoy his fortune all the better! Then B——s are a sharp, calculating, ingenious set, and the old gentleman is a keen one, let me tell you, for did he not tell Abby's first lover not to come to see his daughter, until he had paid five hundred dollars entrance money? Think of that, fathers who wish to raise the wind, and have pretty daughters unmarried! Five hundred dollars a head from every beau, as a preliminary—why, you'll make fortunes if you have the knack "to increase and multiply," especially in the way of feminines. Five hundred dollars!—oh! shades of Apollo—all bachelors hereafter must pay this for entrance, how much for forfeit money must they suffer!

Well, the innocent defendant, not liking these anticipatory draughts from his purse, and being moved no doubt by other substantial reasons, concluded not to make Miss Abby B——a Mrs. D——, but to leave her to the solace of her former lover, for, as appears at the trial, the two have made a compact, that if Miss Abby is not Mrs. D——, within six months, she is to return to her former love. An excellent compact, for there's nothing like having two strings to your bow, even though the old Scotch song does say—

"Its best to be honest and true,
Its best to be off with the old love
Before you are on with the new.

Well, the match is broken off—the horse lasts—and not even Miss Abby, with all her pa's bridles, bits, spurs and snaffles, can manage him. He refuses to make Miss Abby Mrs. D——, even though he should lose the fifteen dollars she paid for the bonnet, and a gold watch she refuses to surrender—very rightly, to be sure, for get all you can and grab for more is a proverb as old as the hills, or Scotchmen, it don't matter which. And to crown all, Miss Abby brings an action against her recreant lover, for her wounded feelings can find no alleviation except in some of that gold which daily used to glad her eyes as she passed her lover's window.

The trial was a rich scene—for there was Miss Abby—says my sweet informant, and I would believe any thing from such rosy, pouting lips—taking now one lawyer and then another, and suggesting hints for which even their wits were at a loss. The defendant magnanimously refused to state why he left Miss Abby—evidence which has since appeared was not at hand—the jury were told that Miss Abby's feelings were deeply and lastingly injured—and so a verdict was got, and to every body's astonishment, it was for 5000 Dollars. Who'll say after this that the age of chivalry is gone! Oh! Burke, Burke, would you were alive again!

Seriously, this case is the most remarkable on record. Never, with no weak a side, was a verdict of such magnitude obtained. The lady once promised to compromise the matter for a thousand dollars, but subsequently she changed her mind, and brought the action. At the trial her own father was a prominent witness, although his want of competency was strongly insisted on by the defendant's counsel: and the admission of his testimony is one of the grounds on which a motion has been made for a new trial. It is more than hinted currently here that it could be proved he had a pecuniary interest in the event of the suit, at least to the extent of the costs, a fact which you are lawyer enough to know is sufficient to exclude him as a witness. Many important circumstances, bearing on vital points of the case, have come to light since the verdict, so that public opinion runs now as strongly in favor of the defendant as it formerly did against him. The wedding dresses, about which so much noise was made at the trial, were purchased, it appears, a month before the lady was engaged, so that there was no loss here. The verdict is on all hands regarded as exorbitant, and no doubt is entertained but that a new trial will be granted. There are many palliating circumstances in the case, and the handsome offer of the defendant when he found how unsuited the lady and he were to each other, must convince every one he is a man of honor. We are no friends to the unprincipled scoundrel who seduces a female's affections without honorable intent; but we must remember that a man may sometimes be as much sinned against as sinning; and instances have been known where the gentleman has been the subject of a conspiracy on the part of a designing family. In this case, it was most unfortunate for Miss Abby that she went to her lover for money before they were married, as it gives occasion for gossips to say that she thought more of the fortune than of the man. We are too gallant to endorse the rumor, but we fear nothing would cool our love quicker than these darts at sight on a purse, so your literary men write, "to favors yet to come."

"Currente calamo" is a joke to the way in which this letter has been written. We intended to describe a Rhode Island clam bake, but must let that go for a future occasion. Heaven keep you from nailing in that hot town of yours this August weather!

August 1st, 1843. J. L.

Notices of the Dead.

A PIONEER.—Died recently in Canandaigua, N. Y., Mrs. Mary Brockbank. The Repository says that the deceased was one of the first that emigrated to Ontario county. She removed with her husband from New London, (N. H.) in March '91. Their Lowmotive was an ox-team and sled, their *canal and steamboat* the wild Indian's *bark canoe*, and their point of destination the vicinity of Canandaigua, then an almost unbroken and gloomy forest. The snow left the emigrants at Oneida, and the inland creeks being swollen by the spring freshet, Mrs. Brockbank was left with the friendly Indians at that place. While there Mrs. B. obtained a knowledge of the Indian language, which was of much service to her in after life. She was here during the last treaty with the Indians in 1794. The Indians were encamped in this city, to the number of 1400 warriors, and with their imposing numbers, they evinced a disposition to menace the inhabitant. Mrs. B. shared to an eminent degree, the qualities of the heroine, and on the occasion above alluded to, this characteristic was brought into requisition. On one occasion while many of these fierce warriors were in her house, one of their number drew his knife and threatened the life of her then youngest child, (now Mr. J. B. Brockbank,) if she did not furnish them with more milk from her dairy; and this after she had bedewed all. Mrs. B. seized a chair, and with a courage and energy that rendered her weapon formidable, soon cleared the room of her dangerous guests.

DEATH OF A PATRIARCH.—We find the following obituary notice in the Port Gibson Herald:—"It becomes our painful duty to announce the death of Israel Irving, Esq., the patriarch of our town, who departed this life on Sunday, the 18th, in the 75th year of his age. The deceased was a native of Sudbury, Mass., from whence he removed in the year 1789, to Marietta, Ohio, then a frontier post in the wilderness, where for some time he acted as Commissary in the army under the command of Gen. Wayne. In 1803 he removed to this county, (just then formed,) and erected the first frame dwelling in this town; he has since resided here, and by industry and energy acquired a large estate. His remains were accompanied to the tomb by the Masonic Fraternity, (of which he was an honored member,) and a large concourse of citizens."

REV. SILVIS CHASE.—Died, last week, at Syracuse, New York, Rev. S. Chase, the superintendent of the Liberia mission, under the care of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. C. arrived in New York about two months since, from Monrovia, Africk, with a view of renovating his impaired health, and with the intention of returning to his mission next fall, taking with him his family, who have resided at Watertown, Jefferson county, during his absence from this country. He left his residence, to attend the conference now in session at Syracuse. He had been there but a short time before he was attacked with inflamation of the lungs, which soon terminated in death.

A REVOLUTIONARY PATRIOT.—Died, recently at Bloomfield, Somerset county, New Jersey, on Saturday last, Jacob De Groot, in the ninety-fifth year of his age, a wealthy and highly respectable citizen. The deceased performed service in the war of the Revolution, for which he received a pension, and in later years was an acting Judge and justice of the county. A short time ago the papers announced the death of his aged wife. They lived together nearly ninety years, and, after that long interval, have been separated in life but thirteen days.

AN ARAB LADY.—In Sutton, Mass., died, July 5th, widow Ann Lilly, aged one hundred years. She was a pattern of industry, and after she was ninety years old she would ply the spinning-wheel and knitting-needle as diligently and successfully as any spinster of thirty. She was followed to the grave by a numerous procession of her descendants—children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great great grandchildren.

☞ The Boston Atlas of Monday says—Mr. James Newell, an old soldier of the Revolution, who fought at the battles of Lexington and Yorktown, and at the taking of Ticonderoga, died in this city on Saturday morning of last week. He did not join the ranks of the soldiers of the Revolution, however, until the 17th of June, on account of

Religious Intelligence.

DR. SKINNER.—We are gratified to learn from good authority, that the Fifth Presbyterian Church of this city have determined to call Dr. Skinner, of New York, to their pastoral charge, and that he will accept; or, in other words, that nothing but the forms of the invitation and acceptance remain—the rest being as good as determined. Dr. S. while here in charge of the same church which now invites him, was eminently successful in his own church, and an efficient and influential member of the Presbyterian connexion at large.

BISHOP HENSHAW.—The consecration of Rev. Dr. Henshaw, Bishop elect of the Episcopal Church in Rhode Island, will take place at Grace Church in Providence on the 11th inst. Bishop Brownell, of Connecticut, will officiate as consecrator, assisted by the Bishop of Vermont, and Bishop Johns, of Virginia. The sermon will be preached by Bishop Whittingham, of Maryland.

☞ The Pittsburg Chronicle says:—"We are informed that the Rev. Thomas H. Stockton, of Philadelphia, contemplates paying a visit to our city at the time of the Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, which is to take place in the course of a few weeks."

☞ The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions will hold its next session at Rochester, commencing on the 12th of September. The Rev. Dr. Tyler, of East Windham, Connecticut, will preach the annual sermon.

☞ The foundation of a new Protestant Episcopal Church, to be called St. Stephens, was laid last week in Lee street, Baltimore. Rev. J. N. Mellhiss is to be the rector.

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PLACES OF PUBLIC WORSHIP OPEN ON SUNDAY EVENING, AUGUST 6th.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.—Saint James' Church, Seventh street above Market. Saint Andrew's Church Eighth street above Spruce. Church of the Ascension, Lombard street above Eleventh. Saint John's Church, corner of Brown and Saint John. Advent Church, (in Temperance Hall) Third street below Green. Emanuel Church, Marlborough street near Prince, Kensington. Trinity Church, Cathrine street above Second. Church of the Evangelists, Fifth street above Catharine. Church of the Messiah, Fifth street below Carpenter. Saint Matthew's Church, Francisville. Saint Mary's Church, Hamiltonville.

PRESBYTERIAN—OLD SCHOOL.—Second Church, Seventh street, below Arch. Central Church, corner of Eighth and Cherry street. Tenth Church, corner of Twelfth and Walnut street. Northwest Sabbath School Room, corner of Schuylkill Eighth and Willow street.

PRESBYTERIAN—NEW SCHOOL.—Third Church, corner of Fourth and Pine street. Western Church corner of Filbert and Schuylkill Sixth street.—Eleventh Church, Vine above Twelfth street. First Church, Northern Liberties, Buttonwood street below Sixth. First Church, Southwark, German street below Third. First Church, Fairmount. Hamiltonville Church.

DUTCH REFORMED.—First Church, Crown street near Race.

LUTHERAN.—Saint Matthew's Church, New street below Fourth.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.—All open on Sunday Evening.

METHODIST PROTESTANT.—All open on Sunday Evening.

BAPTIST.—All open but the First Church.

UNITARIAN.—First Church, corner of Tenth and Locust streets.

UNIVERSALIST.—All open on Sunday Evening.

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST.—Disciples' Meeting House, corner of Fifth and Gaskill streets. Congregation of Disciples, (Vigilant Hall) Race street below Second.

CHRISTIAN.—Christian Chapel, Christian street below Sixth.

SWEDENBORGIAN.—New Jerusalem Chapel, 4th street below German.

MORMON.—Meeting House, Julianna street above Wood.

MARINERS'.—Mariners' Church, Water street below Walnut. Bethel, corner of Shippen and Swanson streets.

AFRICAN.—First Presbyterian Church, Seventh street below Fitzwater. Methodist Bethel, Sixth street above Lombard. Wesley Chapel, Lombard street below Sixth. Union Methodist Church, Coates street below Old York Road. Zoar Methodist Church, Brown street near Fourth. Union Baptist Church, Little Pine street near Seventh.

Army & Navy.

☞ Captain Stockton's enormous piece of ordnance has again been tried with success: a point blank shot, with a 242 pound ball, struck a target three miles distant, and penetrated through and through the target, which was constructed of the bars and wood combined, rendering it more strong and solid than the hull of the largest seventy-four. The gun is made of wrought iron, and is of immense size.

NAVAL.—The following are among recent Navy Orders

Commander George N. Hollins is appointed Flag Captain of the Pacific Squadron.

Captain J. Wilkinson to command the Norfolk yard.

Commander J. M. Dale detached to rendezvous at Philadelphia, waiting orders.

Captain J. Downes to be Port Captain at Boston.

LAUNCH.—The U. S. Brig "LAWRENCE" was launched on Tuesday, at Baltimore. She left the stocks with a number of persons on board, in beautiful style, and went into the water like a thing of life.

☞ It is stated that Col. Sich J. Thomas, of Charlestown, has been re-appointed to the office of Naval Storekeeper at the Navy Yard at Charlestown, in place of Paul Hillard, removed.

☞ The United States ship Independence is now lying near Bollton's Island, at New York, ready to sail on a cruise with the first fair wind. Her destination is unknown.

☞ Foul teeth come from disordered stomach, for which Sherman's cathartic and other lozenges, sold by Van Ness, are an excellent corrective—but the teeth will sometimes continue to look black after the cause is removed. At this stage of the matter Sherman's Tooth Paste is the best known remedy; and is an excellent companion to every body's toilette. Try it.

HARNS' SARSAPARILLA.—Light is the most important, the most sensible and striking phenomenon of the universe. It affords the means of exalted and exquisite pleasures and is the source from whence man derives the largest proportion of valuable knowledge. When decomposed it is found to consist of the seven primary colors, thus proving the Sun, the source from whence it comes, to be the grand painter of creation. As light is to the physical world, so is health to the physical frame. Remove the one, and all is black; take away the other, and man withers ere he blooms. As the genial rays of the Sun infuse warmth and renewed vigor into the vegetable creation, so Harns' Sarsaparilla infuses strength into the weak and languid frame. Daily experience shows results the most pleasing and unlooked for, thus gladdening the hearts of thousands who had given up in despair. Cures are recorded calculated to satisfy the most incredulous; and, as "facts are stubborn things," they have only to be mentioned. Chronic derangements, cutaneous eruptions, impurities of the blood, &c., are safely and perfectly cured by its use.

For conclusive evidence of its superior value and efficacy, see certificates published in the city papers.

Prepared and sold by A. B. Sands & Co., Druggists and Chemists, No. 273 Broadway, N. Y. Sold in Philadelphia by S. P. Thompson, corner 5th and Spruce sts.; by Dr. D. Jayne, 20 South 3d st., F. Klett & Co., corner Second and Callowhill sts., and Frederick Brown, N. E. corner of Fifth and Chesnut sts. Price, $1 per bottle; 6 bottles for $5.

BOWEL COMPLAINTS occur more frequently during the summer months than at any other period; because at this season of the year, the system being debilitated, digestion is not sufficiently active to dispose of the food before it becomes putrefied; hence a peculiar acid is generated in the stomach, which is the cause of those horrid diseases called Dysentery, Cholera Morbus, Inflammation of the Bowels, &c. *Wright's Indian Vegetable Pills* are a natural remedy, and therefore are a certain cure for all kinds of bowel complaints—because they cleanse the stomach and bowels from those putrid humors which are the cause of these distressing complaints. They also aid and improve digestion and purify the blood—consequently, as they remove the cause of every form of disease, it is absolutely impossible for them to fail in making a perfect cure of Dysentery, Cholera Morbus, Inflammation of the bowels.

☞ *Beware of Counterfeits.*—The public are cautioned against the many spurious medicines, which, in order to deceive, are made, in outward appearance, closely to resemble the above mentioned Pills.

It should be remembered, *all genuine medicine has Wright's Indian Vegetable Pills*, neatly printed on the sides of the boxes, and that, *if the word Wright's cannot be found, all is positively wrong.*—

Gems from the Poets.

THE PENITENT.

BY JOHN STERLING.

Within a dark monastic cell
A man's pale corpse was calmly laid.
Peace on his face was seen to dwell,
And light above the finished pall.

Upon the cross beneath his head
Was found a small and written scroll,
And he whose eye the record scanned
From this dim part went pass the whole.

"There comes a Thought at dead of night,
And bids the shapes of sin be gone,
A Power that's more than Thought, a sight
On which the sun has never shone.

"A pale once face, and mouth for
Because it is a woman's face;
It frowns a warning worn-out star,
That once was bright with morning grace.

"An icy vision, calm, and cold,
That freezes all the current hearts it comes;
It brings to me the times of old,
That look like, but that are not, dreams.

"It brings back earnest long gone by,
And fully enlisted not washed with tears;
Years full away like leaves, and dear—
And Life's love long gone appears.

"Dark face! Thou art not all a shade
That fleety bade beside me be;
The blood, that once in passion played
Through my young veins, beat high for thee.

"Now clogged and withered all! My sight
Should thee have branded a sickled air,
And and before my saddening eyes
Thou showest the hues of my despair.

"Still prayers are strong, and God is good;
Death is not made for endless ill.
Dover flye-to! my soul's tormented mind
Has yet a hope thou canst not kill.

"Repentance clothes in green and flowers
The grave in which the Past is laid;
And close to Faith's old minster towers,
The Cross lights up the ghostly shade.

"Around in feet the shape of fear,
Whose eyes my wonder heart spud,
As sister supplicants thrill the ear
With cries that load for mercy call.

"Thee, God, will hear! The pangs are sent
To heal the spirit, not destroy;
And bends from hell for vengeance sent,
When thou commandest, work for joy.

Selected Articles.

FASHIONS.

It is said that hoops are beginning to be worn by the princesses of fashion among the ladies in Boston and New York. There is indeed but one reason why this custom of our grandmothers should not be returned, in its course, like almost every other ancient fashion, and that is the inconvenience attendant on it. There is no limit to the endurance of the sex where a matter of fun is concerned; and as, in this case, the main objection arises from the manner in which a lady is barricaded, and, as it were, enclosed within from the rest of commonfolks, by these pendages, their disadvantages will, of course, be chiefly felt by the men. We expect, therefore, that the ladies in style will be able to carry their point in this innovation; and that women, who, as we hold, know, are always cruel in their disregard of the comfort or fancies of men, will soon be regularly hooped for a party, like so many barrels or puncheons.

There is another custom, which, as originally contemporary with hoops, may possibly return to vogue in their train. The fashion of powdering the hair has had, once at least, (some writers say oftener,) a long and triumphant reign, and in spite of the futility with which the unsophisticated prejudices of the present generation would probably greet its reappearance, it may rise to empire again. Bald heads, red heads, and gray heads will then be put out of her under its banners, and the kingdom of hair powder may be re-established before the opposition of natural ringlets and unexceptionable locks can be organized to meet its advance.

Regarded, these hopes in the eye of a political economist, we have nothing to say at present with respect to hoops. They may tend to raise the price of that species of timber from which hoops are constructed, and thus to affect the profits of four dealers and packers of pork, but the additional employment furnished to coopers may be supposed to counterbalance this disadvantage, so far as the prosperity of the whole community is concerned. But we have statistics to offer in relation to hair powder, which, if not seriously alarming at the present period of agricultural abundance, might become so at a time when a failure of crops should produce a pressure for food among the people.

The use of hair powder is said to have taken its rise as early as the year 1614, and it had reached its height in 1795, when it began to be taxed as an important article of revenue in Great Britain.

Though somewhat divided in sentiment on the question whether hair powder should be absolutely prohibited or rendered a source of public income, the statesmen of Great Britain finally agreed upon the tax of a guinea a head for this luxury. It was calculated that even under this excessive tariff not less than 500,000 persons would continue its use. Mr. Pitt, on presenting the financial budget, made a speech in relation to this particular tax, and enlarged upon its necessity. The scheme was not adopted without serious and almost pathetic reluctance. An amendment, we believe, was successfully proposed, to exempt from the tax all clergymen whose income did not amount to £100, all subalterns officers, and officers in the Navy under the rank of master and commander, and *all the daughters except two in large families*. In spite of this heavy imposition, it appears from the estimates that the quantity of flour used daily by hair dressers and in private toilettes would, if made into bread, be sufficient to supply the wants of an army of ten thousand and fifty thousand men.

If then, in Great Britain, where the fashions are chiefly confined to certain classes, as great a waste of the staff of life was occasioned by this custom, what might we expect from its prevalence in our country, where every man, woman and child strives to imitate the fashions or toilets of the rich? Instead of five hundred thousand powdered heads, we should probably have at least five millions, if the practice is fairly introduced.

A pound per week was the usual allowance to each head when the British soldiers were obliged to appear on parade with their hair elaborately dressed and powdered. Suppose a thousand for hoops for ladies garments, and powder for every body's head, is so easy to conceive a state of things when the destruction of hoop poles and flour would cause their fashions to be a serious detriment to the public interest.—*Worcester Egis.*

INTERESTING INCIDENT.

The Lynchburg Republican has the following notice of an interesting incident which occurred in connection with the recent annual commencement of Washington College, at Lexington:

"On the afternoon of Commencement day, the Alumni of the College were addressed by the Rev. Dr. Alexander, of Princeton Theological Seminary, N. J. This venerable and excellent Divine in the oldest Alumnus of the College living, and stood up, in his 83d year, to perform the duty assigned to him. Great interest was imparted to the occasion by the fact that the aged speaker was amongst his native hills, breathing his native air, and surrounded by personal friends, many of whom he had revered as a patriarch, and loved him as a brother and father. His address, which was upon the subject of Education, was full of simplicity and wisdom. It represented the matured opinions of one reflections of a long life of observation, and what is more, of long experience in teaching. He looked with a jealous eye upon many of the novelties in our system of Education, and seemed to cry, with oracular wisdom, 'ask for the ancient paths, and walk in them.'

"After having advanced with apparent ease through more than half of his speech, in consequence of the oppressive heat and bad air of the room, he was compelled to rest for a while. He shortly resumed his discourse; but was compelled again to take his seat, when he soon concluded. The scene now became one of deep and thrilling interest. All feared a serious, if not fatal issue, and every heart was full of anxiety and sorrow. However, on being removed from the house into the pure air of the yard, he soon recovered, and rising from the grass, he insisted on returning to the church and resuming his discourse. The congregation assembled, but he had not proceeded far before the patroness of death stole over his face, and he was again carried forth apparently lifeless. Again he was speedily recovered, and again he expressed his desire and determination to proceed with his address; *nor could the prayers and entreaties of* friends turn him from his purpose. He did not, however, return to the church, but seated on a chair in the midst of that venerable church yard, he discoursed to the congregation, while they stood around him listening to his words with silent and breathless attention. The portion of the discourse which he omitted so reluctant to leave unuttered, was a glowing eulogy upon the late Mr. Graham, the founder of the College—a person to whom it would seem the College and the State owe much. In concluding his remarks, in the place of grace, he referred to the fact of his being the oldest of the Alumni, and that some some of those who were then surrounding him would occupy his place. He was soon to pass away, and they in their turn would be the last. He tendered commended them to yet their trust in God, to make the Saviour of sinners their friend, and with his solemn testimony to the truth and value and excellency of religion he bade them all a final adieu, with the prayer that he might meet them all in Heaven. It was a solemn, heavenly scene! A place where we were forced to say, 'It is good to be here.' The venerable Father in Israel from amongst the tombs of departed generations, had, as it were, delivered his dying counsel—it had been received with eager ears and softened hearts, and we were waiting to hear from his lips the words of one of old, 'Now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace!' That place was Bethel; but they succeeded; most of all for the words which he spoke, that they should see *his face no more.*"

THE FIRST GRAY HAIR.—A gray hair was copied among the raven locks of a fair friend of ours a few days since. "Oh gray pull it out," are exclaimed. "If I pull it out an will come to the figure 4," replied the lady who had made the unwelcome discovery. "Pain, it out, nevertheless," said the dark haired damsel, "it is no sort of compliment how many some if they only come in black."

DOMESTIC FELICITY.

A correspondent of the New Orleans Picayune in furnishing that paper with a series of spirited sketches, entitled "Hymenophilus on Hymen," in one of them "hymenophilus," we find the following pleasing sketch of a scene of domestic felicity, which the writer witnessed while at Quitman:

The houses in Quitman are mostly of one story—are built with barred windows, and after the fashion of those of the same height in Havana. The flooring is made of a species of glassy as marble. At one of these houses on the confines of the town, we witnessed what appeared to us to be one of the most perfect pictures of domestic felicity on which our eyes rested. The walls of the houses were white as "unsullied snow;" the roof projected over the banquette, which was of the smooth and glossy substance already described—thus giving it the appearance of a colonnade. A large mango tree threw its leafy branches over the roof from behind, and the honeysuckle crept up the wall in front. The red morocco bottom chairs, with their rows of bright brass nails might be seen opposite the window, in the chairs, well arranged parlor, and a bird of pretty plumage chirped its notes of gladness in a small wire cage by the door side.

To the right of the door, sat a venerable looking couple—matrons of sixty, who, like John Anderson and his "gude" woman, had seen their "hairs" silver," one of whom, a merry looking lad, played with a small dog before them. To the left sat a young matron, fair in white, with strongly marked Spanish features. Her black hair clustered in curls down her neck of alabaster whiteness—

"Her large dark eye showed deep passion's force,
Though sleeping like a lion near a source."

She sang, in a partially suppressed tone, a Spanish ballad, touching, by way of accompaniment, with her finely tapered fingers, the strings of a guitar. By her side sat a dark looking young man, witched with the melody of his lady-love, for such she seemed to be.

"Each was the other's mirror, and but read
Joy sparkling in their dark eyes like a gem
And here such brightness was but the reflection
Of their enchanging glances of affection."

An old bald man came fading his way slowly. He would have get tripped up by the rim of the banquette, had not the boy, with instinctive quickness of heart, run from his grandsire, and conducted the poor negro past the house.

The whole scene—its circumstances and coloring—prefigured more strongly peace, love, and contentment, than any thing we had before ever seen.

"And we said, if there's peace to be found in the world
A heart that is humble might hope for it here."

SAM SLICK'S ACCOUNT OF AN Aristocratic Dinner in England.

Well! there is dinner. One service of plate is like another one set of plates, only some dozen of servants are like another dozen of servants, book is book and champagne is champagne. The only difference is in the thing itself that's cooked. Yes, to be good, roast beef is roast beef, and there is no mistake about it, and knows it when you see it, or its vulgar; mutton must be lacing, too; beef must have a mask on; anything that looks solid, take a spoon to; anything that looks light, cut with a knife; if a thing looks like fish, you may take your oath it is fish; and if it seems real fish, its only disguise, for it's sure to be fish; nothing must be natural; nature's out of fashion here.

This is a manufacturing country, every thing is done by machinery. Nature don't make no mistake to look like it; and I must say that the dinner machinery is perfect. Servants keep goin' round and round in a ring slow, but certain and for ever, like the arm of a great big windmill, shovelin' in a dish, and dish alone, after your nose, for you to see how you like the flavour, when your glass is empty, it's filled; when your eyes is off your plate, it's off too, afore you can say Jack Robinson. Foots speak to here; steam is valuable, and noise capital. They call it a *subdued tone.* Poor tame things, they are subdued, that's a fact, slave to an arbitrary tyrannical fashion, that don't leave one no free will at all. You can't speak a little no more than you can go do across a street, but p'raps Mr. Somebody *of West end of Town will say to Mr. Nobody of West end of America, "Niagra is noble." Mr. Nobody will say, "Yes, it is; it's quite the Niagra of Norman conquest,* I reckon; and above the subdued tone come in fashion." Then Mr. Somebody will look like an oracle, and say, "Great rivers and great trees in America!" You speak good English, and then he will seem surprised, but not say it, only you can read the words on his face, "Upon my soul you're a-most as white as us."

THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST.

BY N. P. WILLIS.

It was a green spot in the wilderness
Yonder by the river Jordan. The dark pine
Never had dropped its tassels on the moss
Toffing the leaning bank, nor on the grass
Of the broad circle around the fountain
To the straight birches, had a heavier foot
Than the wild heron's trodden. Swiftly in
Through a long vista of willows, the river rolled,
Stole the clear waters with their muffled feet,
And hushing as they spread into the light,
Circled the edges of the pebbled tank
Slowly, then rippled through the woods away.

Hither had come the Apostle of the wild,
Winding the river's course. Twas near the flesh
Of eve, and with a multitude gathered
Who from their cities had come out to hear.
He stood breast high amid the running stream,
Baptising as the Spirit gave him power.
His simple raiment was of camel's hair,
A leathern girdle closed about his loins.
His beard unshorn, and his daily meat
The locust and wild honey of the wood;
But like the face of Moses on the Mount
Shone his rapt countenance, and in his eye
Burned the mild fire of love; and as he spoke
The ear leaned to him, and persuasion swell
To the dazed spirit of the listener made.

Silent upon the green and sloping bank
The people sat, and while the leaves were shook
With the birds dropping early to their nests,
And the gray twi came within their length
They mused if he were Christ. The rippling stream
Still turned its silver courses from his breast
As he continued their thought. "I but baptize,"
He said, "with water; but there cometh one
The latchet of whose chaus I may not dare
Even to unloose. He will baptize with fire
And with the Holy Ghost." And lo! while yet
The words were on his lips, he raised his eyes,
And on the bank stood Jesus. He had laid
His raiment off, and with his loins alone
Girt with a mantle, and his perfect limbs
In their angelic slightness, meek and bare
He waited to go in. But John forbade,
And hurried to his feet and stayed him there.
And said, "Nay, Master! I have need of thine,
Not thou of mine." And Jesus, with a smile
Of authority, as he rose around the other side of a
And answered, "suffer it to be so now;
For thus it doth become me to fulfil
All righteousness." And, leaning to the stream,
He took around him the apostle's arm,
And drew him gently to the midst.

The wind
Was thick with a dim twilight as they came
Up from the water. With his clasped hands
Laid on his breast, the apostle silently
Followed his Master's footsteps; where he! a light,
Bright as the tenfold glory of the sun,
Yet lambent as the earlier burning stars,
Encompassed them, and from the heavens away
Parted the dim blue ether like a veil;
And as a voice of music and of prayer
Broke from the midst, "THIS IS MY MUCH LOVED SON,
IN WHOM I AM WELL PLEASED," a snow white dove,
Floating upon its wings, descended through
And, standing a swift music from its plumes,
Circled and flutter'd to the Saviour's breast.

The Humorist.

☞ A correspondent of the New York Spirit of the Times, says:—"Sam Laughman's last is right good." A clap walking out, came across "old Mose" setting in the trolling such fishing. "Well, Mose," said he, "what in the world are you doing that?" "Fishin!" (fishing.) "What?" "Fishin!" "Fishing—well, what's the reason you can't talk? what's in your mouth?" "Oh, muffin but worms (worms) for bait?" I hallood for old Isaak, when Sam opened his "wuse" box.

☞ Two black men in the street—one says to the other, "Sambo, my master is dead, and died incontent." "Rubbish," replied the other, "what he die? Why, it is being unable to pay his debts, Sambo, when you come to Jamaica?" "Lord! why he no borrow money and pay his debts, and die like gentman?"

☞ "Pumpion, pumpion!" said an old lady, looking over her specs at a newspaper which had much to say about Pumpion. "I always thought folks would get more in favor of cats, and this editor is clean carried away with them."

☞ "You abused me," said an enraged debtor to his creditor, "you actually abused me—you sent me a *dunning letter.*" "Nay, friend," insinuated his cool companion, "you deceive yourself—I sent thee but a *billet due.*"

☞ We heard of a polite Frenchman one time, who carried his ideas of gallantry to so high a pitch of sublimity, as to run around the other side of a lady, when her shadow fell, so that he could avoid stepping on it.

☞ Burke once mentioned to Fox that he had written a tragedy. "Did you let Garrick see it?" inquired his friend. "No," replied Burke: "I intended the folly to write it, but the wit to keep it to myself."

☞ "Have you got your task, this morning, miss?" said one of the lady teachers of the public school, yesterday, to a pupil. "No, ma'am," said the sinner girl, "but sister Ellen has got the influenzer."

☞ A person being asked what a ghost said to him, which he pretended to have seen, replied—"How should I know what he said? I am not skilled in any of the dead languages?"

☞ "What did you give for that horse?" inquired a friend of the facetious Mr. *H.* as he was trying by. "My note," was the significant reply; "wasn't that cheap enough?"

☞ A school boy coming one day to that celebrated line of Pope, "A little learning is a dangerous thing," read it, "A little *lawyer* is a dangerous thing."

☞ A *Philadelphia* lady being once asked, how many dog days there are, answered that there must be a great many, for every dog has his day.

☞ Two travellers having been robbed in a wood, and tied to trees at some distance from each other, one of them in despair exclaimed, "Oh, I'm undone!" "Are you?" said the other, "then I wish you'd come and undo me."

☞ An exchange paper states that a man in New York the other day, while drunk, fell so hard against a carbonado, as to knock two letters out of his nose. His companions now do not know him.

☞ "What is the chief end of man?" inquired a school teacher of a pretty miss. "Why, I suppose it is to *pop the question.*"

☞ Why is a kiss from a girl fishing for a beau, like a Marblehead mackerel boat? Because it is a *fishing smack.*

☞ "I'm not in the habit, as the physician said when he made an unsuccessful attempt to bleed a patient.

☞ Why is a solar eclipse like a mother thrashing her own child? Because it's a hiding of the sun.

☞ Why is hope like a piece of decayed cheese? Because thousands live in it.

☞ Why is a leg of mutton like the earth? Because it's *gravied.*

The Far West.

THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER.

It has been the fashion with travellers to talk of the scenery of the Mississippi as wanting grandeur and beauty. Most certainly it has neither. But there is no scenery on earth more striking. The dreary and pestilential collinches, untrodden, save by the foot of the Indian; the absence of all living objects, save the huge alligators which float past, apparently asleep, on the driftwood; and an occasional vulture, attracted by its impure prey on the surface of the waters; the trees, with a long and hideous drapery of parasitic moss, fluttering in the wind; and the giant river rolling onward the vast volume of its dark and turbid waters through the wilderness—form the features of one of the most dismal and irpressive landscapes on which the eye of man ever rested. It may one think proper to believe that such objects are not, in themselves, sufficient, I beg only to say that I differ with him in point of taste. Rocks and mountains are fine things undoubtedly, but they could add nothing of sublimity to the Mississippi. Pelion might be piled on Ossa, Alps on Andes, and still, to the heart and perception of the spectator, the Mississippi would be alone. It can brook no rival, and it finds none. There is not in the world double or large a portion of the earth's surface. It is the traveller of five thousand miles, more than two-thirds of the diameter of the globe. The imagination sees whence come its waters, and whither and they? They come from the regions of eternal snow and verdure, where the foot of civilized man has never yet been planted. They flow into an ocean yet vaster, the whole body of which acknowledges their influence. Nature's vast variegated domain lies at their passed! On what scenes of lonely and sublime magnificence have they gazed! Have they pensive thoughts

The hoary forests, still the home's scenes,
Where stalked the mammoth to his shaggy lair,
Through paths and glades, roofed with sombre green,
Thousands of years before the silent air
Was pierced by whistling shafts of human keen?

In short, when the traveller has asked and answered these questions and a thousand others, it will be time enough to consider how far the scenery of the Mississippi would be improved by rocks and mountains. It may then be his duty to inquire whether the fact can be produced by a combination of objects of discordant character, however grand in themselves. The imagination is perhaps susceptible but of a single powerful impression at a time, and that must be intensely connected with unity of object. Beauty may be produced by the happy adaptation of a multitude of harmonious details; but the highest sublimity of effect can proceed but from the concentrating and paramount object, which imposes its own character on everything around. The prevailing character of the Mississippi is that of a solemn gloom. I have trodden the passes of Alp and Appenine, yet never felt how awful a thing it became, when the spirit of man wrestles through regions desolate and unhabitable. Day after day, and night after night, we continued driving right downward to the south; our vessel, like some large demon of the whirlwind, hurrying on its fiery course, and canopying the eternal forest with the smoke of her nostrils. How looked the heavy river god I know not; nor what thought the alligators, when awakened by the sound from their slumber by a vision so astonishing. But the effect on my own spirits was such as I have never experienced before or since. Conversation became odious, and I passed my time in a sort of dreamy contemplation. At night, I ascended to the highest deck, and lay for hours gazing listlessly on the sky, the forest and the waters, amid silence only broken by the charging of the engine. All this was very pleasant; yet, till I reached New Orleans, I could scarcely have smiled at the best joke in the world; and as for raising a laugh—it would have been quite as easy to quadrate the circle.—*Hamilton's Men and Manners in America.*

From the Journals.

EXAMINATION PAPERS FOR THE DEGREE OF B. A. IN THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON, 1843.—What is the difference between being hung for sheep, and being out for leg before wicket?—between Magna Charter and Charter of the Lyceum?—between the Bill of Rights and that of your tailor? Mention what you know of the life and adventures of the famous dog Billy. Did he bear any, and what, relationship to the Dog Bill just kicked out of Parliament? Trace accurately the steps by which the invasions of the plaintiff have been referred to the reign of King Jeremiah. Write a short essay upon foot, club legs, the knave of clubs, and Mr. Joshua Jones Ashley. Has Mr. Henson, the inventor of the "Ariel," any pretensions to the title of the modern Bellido-ca? Show, if you can, whether the wit of this question consists, and state the difference between a pun spoken and a pundit. The whole is equal to all its parts; how do you apply this rule to the case of a blackbird? Joseph Hume, for instance, who has no parts at all? Reconcile the expression, "flat blasphemy," and "swearing roundly." Will squaring the circle cancel you in the process? Compare the Prose of Sir-hylus with that of Pry Anecdotes, and the Ponder of Thetes with the Pender of Wakefield. Refute the calumny that there is something sharpish in the degree of "B. A." conferred by the University. Consider whether its utter inability to raise a laugh, or even a smile, proves or is not, owing to its want of wings. Or whether its sickly state can be in any way laid to the charge of the patients in the hospital opposite. Give a sketch of its history, and present prospects; including in the former speech of Colonel Stanhope; and in the latter, the North London and Grafton street East.—*Punch.*

"BOOKS OF THE SEASON."—Our library table is strewed with books of the season, the principal of which is our Grocer's Book; and we find that we have let down these numerous volumes upon us, the authors or compilers of these books must naturally be impatient for us to take some notice of them. Our Grocer's Book is an instructive little manual, from which we find that coffee is now shillinge a pound, and that moist sugar is sold at the rate of twelve pence the pound—presenting a curious analogy to the income tax. We may, however, draw a distinction; for while the one is sweet, the other is bitter. Our Butcher's Book is a very concise and pithy production, and is written partly in hieroglyphics, particularly that part of it which relates to *items*; though the sum total is set out with laudable distinctness. We have not been very well pleased with the annotations, and there is a note at the end of the last page which we thought extremely irreverent. It speaks of the necessity the author is under of meeting a heavy payment on a certain day, and craves the assistance of the individual to whom the book is dedicated. It will be seen that the author is of sanguine temperament, which is liable to lead him to the commission of some absurdities.—*London Punch.*

LA GRIPPE.—There seems to be no escaping this general distemper. A "coon, by playing possum, might escape the rifle of Capt. Scott, but there is no evading the grippe of influenza. Its unrelenting course was well described yesterday by a Hoosier on the Levee, with a crystal drop hanging from his proboscis, and his eyes swimming in a brackish kind of liquid.

"What, Bill," asked an acquaintance who met him, "have you got the influenzer?"

"Well, I'm in for it, Jim; that's a fact. I thought to dodge it, but couldn't—and it's the first time I ever failed in anything. I have dodged a streak of lightning, stood a blow-up on the Mississippi, and never grinned, had a rag with a fox, and kicked him until he cried out, "Enough!"—but I give in to your cussedness, and, and, and—I don't give a fellow a fair chance, no how. Ough, ough, ough! Dod rot it! how it makes me cough!"—*Picayune.*

FAMILY LEGERDAIN, ACCORDING TO PUNCH'S ARTICLE.—Get a jug and run with it to the water-butt, wash out with a small quantity of aqueous fluid, and wipe dry with a clean glass-cloth. Now you may take your lemon, being careful to choose the very best you can meet with. Slice with an ordinary knife into a common plate, and throw the pieces gently into the jug, taking care that they reach the bottom. Stand on your fingers, and scatter at discretion, adding a little more when you think there is need of it. Take your kettle and pour your boiling water over your lemon, stirring all the while with the handle of a tooting-fork. Be careful not to leave off stirring until you have poured the boiling water, when you may sit down and wait for time to cool the refreshing beverage. Serve up in tumblers or mugs; in default of which you may drink out of the pitcher.

COURT AND DISCOURT.—A French Count, or a counterfeit of the character, met a Jew money-broker disguised in a restaurant down town yesterday. "*Sacre!*" said the Frenchman, rapping his cane forkwisely against the ground; "you know who I am—eh? I be one gran' French Count—ha!" "What, eh, Monsieur French Count," said the Israelite, "you knowed who I teh—eh? Vhat, I shell you; if you hasse *dat* Count—(pointing to the Frenchman)—I teh *dis*-Count." (Discount)—pointing to himself. The landlord thought that certain of them were if any provoked, and told them if they meant to continue their quarrel, they should carry it on outside the door.—*Pic.*

INTERESTING FACT.—There is at present in the possession of an individual in this place a male canary of about fifteen years of age, that is unable to feed itself, and to whom musical parents bloodhound then has put a complete stop. On the same foot, but in a separate apartment, is another male canary, a son of the aged bird. This young one, being allowed to leave his cage early in the morning and fly about at pleasure, is in the practice of visiting his old friend, and kindly feeding him on kinds food their young; and this he does several times in the course of the day. He also perches on the cage of his progenitor and sings with great spirit, no doubt to cheer up his old relative in his declining days. The old bird has a particular way of calling on this prop of his old age when he requires his services, which are always given and received with mutual satisfaction. When the young bird is in any way obstructed from attending to the call of the other, he seems to be very angry, and expresses his displeasure in a certain noisy and screaming manner, which is well understood by the inmates of the house.—*Aberdeen Herald.*

A NEW FOR LOVES OF LUNAR.—A waiter, (of course a genuine son of Erin, of the Hendy Andy genius) was sent out by his employer, a well-known restaurateur in this city, to purchase a shillings' worth of oysters. An apothecary's being the nearest place at which they could be purchased, Pat bought them there, and received twelve for his money. Bringing them home, he was told that he had paid a good deal more than they were worth, and was bidden to carry them back. But what should he say in apology for returning them? "I'll him," said the cook, "that you made me a present of them, and you were waiting." Pat's eye winked almost perceptibly as he set out on his errand, and soon he returned with thirty-two oysters from the grocer's, for his two shillings. "And how did you get the "potheccary to take them back, Pat?" asked the cook. "Oh! easy!" was the reply. "I told the ould chap that the fault was a crazy cook's sure, who didn't know what it was she was after wanting, at all at all; and he took them back without a whimper!"—*New York Express.*

DAY'S DUTIES.

BY HENRY VAUGHAN, 1669.

When first thy eyes unveil, give thy soul leave
To do the like, our bodies but forerun
The spirit's duty; our hearts spread and heave
Unto their God, as flowers do to the sun;
Give Him thy thoughts, then; on shut thou keep
Him company all the day, and in him sleep.

Yet more; sleep the sun up; prayer should
Dawn with the day; there are wings and useful hours
Twixt Heaven and us; the manna was not good
After sun rising; the far day noline flowers;
Rise to prevent the sun—sleep doth sins glut,
And Heaven's gate opens when the world is shut.

Walk with thy fellow creatures; note the hush
And whispering amongst them; not a sprig
Or leaf but hath this morning hymn; each bush
And flood has one bird sitting on it, let thy wing!
Oh, leave thy cares and follies; go thy way!
And then art sure to prosper all the day.

Serve God before the world; let Him not go
Until thou hast a blessing; then resume
The whole suite Him—and remember who
Prevailed by wrestling ere the sun did shine;
Pour oil upon the stones—weep for thy offence—
Then journey on and have an eye to heaven.

When the world's up, and every swarm abroad,
Keep well the spiritual hive too with such day;
Despatch necessities—life hath a load
Which must be carried on, and safely may;
Yet keep those cares—they are but the heart
Be God alone, and choose the better part.

Choice Anecdotes.

HEREDITARY MERIT.—This maxim was often illustrated during the time of the French revolution. Singularly enough in the instances we are about to relate it is well known that the poor quadruped, the ass, has been disregarded time out of mind by a comparison with a pair of boots, as a unconscious emblem of "general honor." Now it was a characteristic of Napoleon to discover and reward merit where others could not see it, and in a rightful cause

To enter the battle-field
But leads with the mien of one inspired
The brave and the worthies on;
Nor presents, as much as to dismay of fear,
Till her country's cause is won!
Oh there is the star of her glory bright,
But it shineth not with its purest light.

Is it when science or learning place
Their wreaths on her temples fair,
And she learns in the pride of loveliness
The heaven of fame to wear!
And many are listening with anxious hearts
To each word that her shallow word;
As if it were not a daughter of earth
But an angel that they heard.
Oh, is she not then in the lonesome dust!
She is,—but think not her reign is here.

Home is fair woman's loveliest place,
Oh there is her power supreme.
Although in as many of her other scenes
It is but like a splendid dream.
But there she holdeth each heart in chain
With a sweet but binding spell;
It passeth the might of an earthly tongue
The strength of her reign to tell.
Oh there is her lovely and bright brightness—
There it shines with its holiest light.

SHORT SENTENCES FROM GOOD THINKERS.—To acquire a few tongues is the task of a few years, but to be eloquent in one is the labor of a life.

Death is the liberator of him whom freedom cannot release, the physician of him whom medicine cannot cure, and the comforter of him whom time cannot console.

To produce an effect, it is enough to unite two ideas, which are astonished at being together; the paradox itself will over its success to its novelty and oddness.

Vain-glorious men are the scum of wise men, the admirations of fools, the idols of parasites, and the slaves of their own vanity.

Reasons are the pillars of the fabric of a sermon, but similitudes are the windows which give the best lights.

Suspicions among thoughts are like bats among birds—they ever fly by twilight.

No man was ever broken by adversity that was not first betrayed by prosperity.

Crafty men condemn studies, simple men admire, and wise men use them.

To live by one man's will is the cause of many man's misery.

AMERICA AND ENGLAND.—It is impossible that any other two independent nations can have such a community of interest as these two nations have. In truth, we know of no material and substantial interests in which they are opposed; nay, in which they are separated; their origin, their laws, and their language are same; their business, their prosperity, are identified. New York is but a suburb of Liverpool, or, if you will, Liverpool of New York. The failure of the Pennsylvania United States Bank has caused more fortunes in England than in America; the manufacturers of Manchester share more wealth with Carolina than with Middlesex. We are not merely brothers and cousins; the ties of consanguinity we know are not always the bond of friendship; but our ties are those of interest, of trade, of commerce of the world; and we have had, as we have just hinted, melancholy experience that distress on either shore of the Atlantic, must be almost equally felt on the other.

A CHILD'S PRAYER.—The following sweet and simple expression of early piety is from the pen of Isaac Pray, *Jr.*, of Boston.

Father! now the day is past,
On thy child thy blessing cast,
Near my pillow, hand in hand,
Keep thy guardian angel band
And throughout the darkling night
Bless me with a cheerful light.
Let no crime at midnight come
Free from every thought of pain;
Pressing through life's thorny way,
Keep me, Father, day by day.

EVERY enjoyment of life has three distinct stages—anticipation, reality—and reminiscence, and it is more difficult than it first appears to be, to decide on the character, extent, and value of each. Hope is the most extravagant and imaginative; action, the most engrossing and tender; memory, the most calm, and durable, and sober.—*Miss Pardoe.*

IT IS COMMONLY supposed that when those of the same profession speak in disparagement of each other, they are actuated only by envy or jealousy. The cause may as often be, that they are more competent judges on the subject than others. There is a kind of honor among professional men whose merits are indisputable.

Choice Scraps.

SCRAPS.

[FROM THE NEW MIRROR.]

DOUBLE CANVAS.—When Commodore Porter last visited this city, he spent much of his time at the residence of the late General Morton, who, as every body knows, was a man of very agreeable wit and compliment. The walls of the general's library were graced with various productions of the pencil and graver, and among them full-length portraits of several distinguished naval officers—Decatur, Bainbridge, Perry, Morris, and others. The commodore expressed his admiration of the fidelity and effect of these; but said they were too large. "Now I intend to add to your collection shortly; but it shall be done in quite a different style." "Then you do not like them!" said the general. "Not exactly," replied the commodore; "there's entirely too much possession of the subject. I find you have built in order to bestow it upon the man who is really content. Now I am in that state of which I am willing to make oath; you will therefore, please, sir, to give me immediate possession." The count did not interrupt him till he had finished his speech, when he replied, "You are quite right, sir, with respect of my intentions, but as I do not discover the least pretension you have to the character of a contented man, I beg you will to take some other *quite contented, you should not want my house!*"

FINE-ANCIERING.—Passing down Camp street yesterday, we heard the following dialogue between two draymen, who sat on the threshold of one of the store doors:—

1st Draymen—So they fined you agin, Mick!"

2d Draymen—Throth thin they did, Martie. He gor! a smorp might as well expect to git claze of snot, as a man to git clare of a fine from the Second Municipality!"

1st Draymen—They fined me no less than three times."

2d Draymen—And me five times."

1st Draymen—"Well, Mick, I often heard that the Second Municipality was the mighty great financiers, but if any one doubts it afther this, I'll take me 'dayr of it!" (Meaning he would swear to it.—*Pic.*

A GREAT SECRET.—"How do you do, Mrs. Toms?" Have you heard that story Mrs. Lundy?" "Why no, really Mrs. Jones, what is it—do tell?" "O, I promised not to tell for life—but I must never tell on!." I'm afraid it will get out." "O, I'll never tell on! as long as I live, just as true as the world; what is it, come, tell." "Now you don't say anything about it—will you?" "No, I will never open my head about it, sacredly. Hope to die this minute." "Well if you believe me, Mrs. Funpsy told me last night, Mrs. Trot told her that her sister's husband was told by one who saw it, that Mrs. Trouble's eldest daughter told Mrs. Nichins that she heard that a sailmer told her that *heiflies* were going out of fashion."

Choice Selections.

THE CROWNED MOURNER.

(Michael Wiesniowski, a private citizen who was elected King of Poland, is said to have wept when the crown was placed upon his head.)

The northern sun, in his noonday splendor,
Is shining on Vola's sacred field,
But none not Jagellon's early grandeur,
No beams upon Sobieski's shield!
Yet still there are knightly lances gleaming,
And banners floating on summer's air,
And the cannon's roar, and the bugle's ringing
That Poland hath chosen her monarch there.

Hark! to the voice of a nation, reading
Her choice in a thousand shouts of joy;
Hark! to the hymn, with the cannon blending,
As they place the crown on their chosen's brow
The best and the bravest of the nation
With dauntless hearts and with matchless brands,
And the skies of his land bend brightly over him,
But not and silent the Monarch stands!
Why is it thus! tho' his birth was lowly,
Nor Fame nor Fortune had smiled on him,
Yet the crown was won by no deeds that sully
Its splendor, nor make its radiance dim.
Whence spring the tears? for the great and glorious
Have sought that empire with prayer and vow.
And he without strife hath been victorious,
But what doth the crown'd one weep for now!

Ah! did some dream of the past awaken
Even at that minute of Fortune's shine
Of one true heart that the grave hath taken
Who might have sweetened and shared his throne!
Or fond be the throne beneath the glory,
When others saw but the cording gold;
Or did the Muse of his country's story
Come with her mantle of truth unfold!
There have been mars when the bride was kissing
Her mother's breast for a stranger's arms;
There have been tears when the sun was spring
To Heaven the flower of her maiden charms
There hath been weeping, aye blent with laughter,
Over sceptres the choicest gems cast down;
But never before, nor ever after,
We saw it beneath a new-born crown!

FRANCES BROWN.

A NEW FASHIONED WEATHERCOCK.—A new instrument intended to show the probable course of the winds, has been invented in France. It was tried lately at Rochefort. A letter in the Debats describes it as follows:

"It consists of a thin piece of wood three or four inches long, finely balanced, as the needle of a mariner's compass, on a steel pivot, by means of an agate inserted in the wood. At one of the extremities, about a third of the length, there is made a slit, in which are placed three or four magnets, about half an inch from each other. They are formed of bits of flattened watch spring from one to three inches in length. They are fixed perpendicularly to the horizon, and therefore free from all polarity. They have all their south pole above the bit of wood, and their north pole below it. These magnets act exactly as the direction finger of the weathercock, and show the direction of the wind. The instrument may furnish interesting instructions with respect to the connection between magnetism and electricity, on the probability that the variation of the winds are due to electric currents. Without evidence of a great importance is the fact that these indications take place a quarter of an hour, and sometimes even half an hour before the changes which occur in the winds, as those of the barometer do in the variations of the weather."

"HOW degenerate is our race in this country!" said a travelled spaniel to his fellow. "In those distant regions which men call the Indies, there are still real hounds. Such hounds, brothers, you will not believe me, and yet I have seen it with my own eyes, that they do not fear even a lion, but will boldly attack him." "But," asked the ordinar looking greyhound, "do they overcome the lion?" "Overcome!" was the answer. "No, I cannot exactly say they do that. But, only think of it, to attack a lion!" "Oh," replied the greyhound, since then do not overcome him, they famous hounds are—better than ourselves by no means, but a good deal either.—*Leming.*

WOMAN'S PLACE.

BY MRS. A. GAMMAGE.

Oh, where is woman's loveliest place,
Where shineth her star most bright?
Is she the fairest in courtly houses,
And in halls that beam with light?
When she glideth through the mazy dance,
A joyous and brilliant thing,
Does her beauty then in the games hearts
The truest of rapture bring?
Oh no! it is not in festive scenes
The light of beauty the fairest beams.

Is it when by the spirit of freedom roused
She graspeth the spear and shield,
And enrapture not in a rightful cause
To enter the battle-field
But leads with the mien of one inspired
The brave and the worthies on;
Nor presents, as much as to dismay of fear,
Till her country's cause is won!
Oh there is the star of her glory bright,
But it shineth not with its purest light.

Is it when science or learning place
Their wreaths on her temples fair,
And she learns in the